

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
WESTERN DIVISION

IN RE:) CHAPTER 7
PAUL DULBERG) Case Number: 14-83578
)
Debtor.) JUDGE THOMAS M. LYNCH

NOTICE TO CREDITORS AND OTHER PARTIES IN INTEREST

Notified via Electronic filing: Attorney David Stretch and U.S. Trustee's Office,

Notified via U.S. Postal Service: See attached service list.

Joseph D. Olsen, Trustee has filed papers with the Court regarding his **Motion for Authority to Enter into a "Binding Mediation Agreement" in accordance with the "Binding Mediation Agreement" which is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A.**

A copy of said Motion referred to herein is available for inspection at the offices of the Clerk of the U.S. Bankruptcy Court or at the offices of Yalden, Olsen & Willette, during usual business hours.

Your rights may be affected. You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.)

If you want the Court to consider your views on the Motion, then you or your attorney must:

Attend the hearing on scheduled to be held on the 31st day of October, 2016 at 9:30 am in courtroom 3100, United States Bankruptcy Court, 327 South Church St., Rockford, IL 61101.

If you or your attorney do not take these steps, the Court may decide that you do not oppose the relief sought in the Motion and may enter an order granting that relief.

Joseph D. Olsen, Trustee

By: YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE, his attorneys

By: s/s Joseph D. Olsen

Joseph D. Olsen
Yalden, Olsen & Willette
1318 East State Street
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, certify that on October 4, 2016 I caused the aforesaid to be served upon all persons to whom it is directed (see attached Service List) by United States Mail by depositing the same in the United States Mail at Rockford, Illinois, at or about the hour of 5:00 p.m.

s/s Marti Maravich

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**MOTION FOR AUTHORITY TO ENTER INTO A
“BINDING MEDIATION AGREEMENT”.**

NOW COMES the Trustee, Joseph D. Olsen, by his attorneys, Yalden, Olsen & Willette, pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9019, and for his Motion for Authority to Enter into a “Binding Mediation Agreement”, states as follows:

1. That the Debtor, Paul Dulberg, filed his Voluntary Petition for Relief pursuant to Chapter 7 of Title 11 on November 26, 2014;
2. That Joseph D. Olsen is the duly appointed and qualified acting case Trustee of the above captioned Estate;
3. That on the date of the petition the Debtor, Paul Dulberg, had a certain claim against David Gagnon, et al for certain personal injuries suffered in a chainsaw injury. This certain personal injury case is pending in the circuit court of the 22nd Judicial Circuit, McHenry County, Illinois in cause number 12LA178.
4. Heretofore the Trustee has hired as his Special Counsel, the Baudin Law Group, Ltd. to prosecute the Bankruptcy Estate’s claim in this matter. After discussions with Randy Baudin, the lead attorney on the file, Mr. Baudin has recommended participation in the “Binding Mediation Agreement”, a copy of which agreement is attached hereto and made a part hereof as Exhibit A. There can be no guarantee of the amount of the award that is eventually provided under the “Binding Mediation Agreement” but it has a floor of no less than \$50,000.00 and a ceiling of no greater than \$300,000.00.

The Trustee, in consultation with his special counsel, believes the “Binding Mediation Agreement” would be in the best interest of the Estate.

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WHEREFORE, the Trustee requests authority to enter into the afore-described "Binding Mediation Agreement" and to execute any document necessary or appropriate to process the Debtor's claims through that binding mediation process.

JOSEPH D. OLSEN, Trustee

By: YALDEN, OLSEN & WILLETTE, his attorneys

By: s/s Joseph D. Olsen

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**Binding Mediation Agreement
ADR Systems File # 33391BMAG**

Revised for Special Billing

I. Parties

- A. Paul Dulberg, by attorneys, Kelly N. Baudin and Randall Baudin, II
- B. David Gagnon, by attorney, Shoshan Reddington

SPECIAL BILLING – Section V.B.5 – Defendant agrees to pay up to \$3,500.00 of Plaintiff's Binding Mediation Costs.

II. Date, Time and Location of the Binding Mediation

Date: Thursday, December 8, 2016
Time: 1:30 P.M.
Location: ADR Systems of America, LLC
20 North Clark Street
Floor 29
Chicago, IL 60602
Contact: Alex Goodrich
312-960-2267

III. Rules Governing the Mediation

Each party ("Party") to this agreement ("Agreement") hereby agrees to submit the above dispute for binding mediation ("Mediation") to ADR Systems of America, L.L.C., ("ADR Systems") in accordance with the following terms:

A. Powers of the Mediator

1. The Parties agree that The Honorable James P. Etchingham (Ret.) shall serve as the sole Mediator in this matter (the "Mediator").
2. The Mediator shall have the power to determine the admissibility of evidence and to rule upon the law and the facts of the dispute pursuant to Section III(D)(1). The Mediator shall also have the power to rule on objections to evidence which arise during the hearing.
3. The Mediator is authorized to hold joint and separate caucuses with the Parties and to make oral and written recommendations for settlement purposes.
4. **The Parties agree that the Mediator shall decide all issues concerning liability and damages arising from the dispute if this matter cannot be settled, unless any of the above is waived. Any other issues to be decided must be agreed upon by the Parties, and included in this contract.**
5. Any failure to object to compliance with these Rules shall be deemed a waiver of such objection.

B. Amendments to the Agreement

1. No Party shall amend the Agreement at any time without the consent and approval of such changes by the opposing Party, and ADR Systems of America.
2. When changes or amendments to the Agreement are being requested, the Parties shall inform the ADR Systems case manager by telephone. The agreed proposal must also be submitted to the ADR Systems case manager in writing, by fax or email, if necessary, and the contract changes **MUST** be made by ADR Systems. No changes made outside these guidelines will be accepted. Furthermore, if the amended contract made by ADR Systems is not signed by both Parties, the Agreement shall be enforced in its original form, without changes.

C. Pre-Hearing Submission

1. Mediation statements are permitted provided that the statement is shared among the other parties. The Mediation Statement may include: statement of facts, including a description of the injury and a list of special damages and expenses incurred and expected to be incurred; and a theory of liability and damages and authorities in support thereof.

D. Evidentiary Rules

1. The Parties agree that the following documents are allowed into evidence, without foundation or other proof, provided that said items are served upon the Mediator and the opposing Party at least **17 (seventeen)** days prior to the hearing date:
 - a. Medical records and medical bills for medical services;
 - b. Bills for drugs and medical appliances (for example, prostheses);
 - c. Property repair bills or estimates;
 - d. Reports of lost time from employment, and / or lost compensation or wages;
 - e. The written statement of any expert witness, the deposition of a witness, the statement of a witness, to which the witness would be allowed to express if testifying in person, if the statement is made by affidavit sworn to under oath or by certification as provided in section 1-109 of the Illinois Code of Civil Procedure;
 - f. Photographs;
 - g. Police reports;
 - h. Any other document not specifically covered by any of the foregoing provisions that a Party believes in good faith should be considered by the Mediator; and
 - i. Each Party may introduce any other evidence, including but not limited to documents or exhibits, in accordance with the rules of evidence of the State of Illinois.
2. The Parties agree that they will not disclose any and all dollar figures relating to the high/low agreement; last offer and last demand; policy limits; and /or set-offs orally or in written form, to the Mediator at any time before or during the conference, or while under advisement, prior to the Mediator's final decision.

- a. Violation of this rule set forth in (D)(2) shall constitute a material breach of this Agreement. The non-disclosing Party must formally object to the Mediator upon learning of the breach, or the breach will be considered waived. The non-disclosing Party shall then have the option to continue the Mediation from the point of objection to its completion; or to terminate the Mediation at the point of objection as null and void. The ADR Systems case manager must be made aware of this breach at the time of the objection, so the objection is addressed in accordance with the Agreement; and
 - b. If the Mediation is terminated as null and void, all costs of the Mediation will be charged entirely to the disclosing Party. A new Mediation shall then take place with a new Mediator on a new date. If the Mediation is not terminated, the costs of the Mediation shall remain the responsibility of each Party or in accordance with the Agreement.
3. The Parties agree if a Party has an objection to the evidence or material submitted by any other Party pursuant to Paragraph (D)(1), notice of the objection shall be given to the ADR Systems case manager and opposing counsel by telephone and in writing at least seven days prior to the Mediation. If resolution cannot be obtained, the case manager will forward the objection to the Mediator to be ruled upon before or at the Mediation. The case manager will notify each of the Parties of the objection. The objection may result in a postponement of the proceedings. **If the objection is because of new material being disclosed with the submission for the first time (for example, new or additional reports, additional medical/wage loss claims, etc.) then the disclosing party shall be charged for the total cost associated with the continuance.**
 4. The Parties agree that any Party desiring to introduce any of the items described in Paragraph (D)(1) without foundation or other proof, must deliver said items to the Mediator and to the other Parties no later than **Monday, November 21, 2016.**
 5. The Items are considered delivered as of the date that one of the following events occur:
 - a. If mailed, by the date of the postmark;
 - b. If delivered by a courier or a messenger, the date the Item is received by the courier or messenger; and
 - c. The date transmitted by facsimile or email.
 6. The Parties agree to deliver any of the items described in Paragraph (C)(1) and (D)(1) to the following addresses:

If emailing Submissions, please send to submissions@adrsystems.com, however, please do not send anything over 50 pages, including exhibits.

The Honorable James P. Etchingham, (Ret.) (Mediator)
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Shoshan Reddington, Esq. (Defense Attorney)
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E. Conference Procedure

1. The Parties may present opening statements but there will be no live testimony.
2. The Parties will attempt to reach a voluntary settlement through negotiation with the assistance of the Mediator.
3. If the Parties cannot voluntarily reach a settlement, the Mediator will advise the Parties that settlement cannot be reached. The Mediator will then take the matter under advisement and render an award that will be binding to all Parties, (the "Award"), subject to the terms of any high/low agreement that the Parties may have as described below in Paragraph (F)(1).

F. Award Limits

1. The Parties may agree prior to the Mediation that a minimum and maximum amount will serve as parameters for the Award (sometimes referred to as a "high/low agreement"), such that the actual amount that must be paid to the plaintiff or claimant shall not exceed a certain amount (the "high" or "maximum award") and shall not be less than a certain amount (the "low" or "minimum award").
 - a. If liability is disputed and comparative fault or negligence is asserted as an affirmative defense, the Mediator shall make a finding regarding comparative fault or negligence, if any. In the event that there is a finding of comparative fault or negligence of the plaintiff that is greater than 50% (fifty percent), the plaintiff shall receive the negotiated minimum award. In the event that there is a finding of comparative fault or negligence of 50% (fifty percent) or less against the plaintiff, then any damages awarded in favor of the plaintiff shall be reduced by the amount of the plaintiff's comparative fault or negligence, but shall be no less than the minimum parameter or more than the maximum parameter.
 - b. All award minimum and maximum parameters are subject to applicable set-offs if any, as governed by policy provisions if not specified in the Agreement.

The Parties agree that for this Mediation the minimum award to Paul Dulberg will be **\$50,000.00**. Also, the maximum award to Paul Dulberg will be **\$300,000.00**. These amounts reflect the minimum and maximum amounts of money that David Gagnon shall be liable to pay to Paul Dulberg.

IV. Effect of this Agreement

- A. After the commencement of the Mediation, no Party shall be permitted to cancel this Agreement or the Mediation and the Mediator shall render a decision that shall be in accordance with the terms set forth in this Agreement. When the Award is rendered, the Mediation is resolved, and any Award arising from this Mediation shall operate as a bar and complete defense to any action or proceeding in any court or tribunal that may arise from the same incident upon which the Mediation is based.

- B. The Parties further agree that any pending litigation will be dismissed, with prejudice, as to those Parties participating in this Mediation upon the conclusion thereof. Any and all liens, including contractual rights of subrogation owed are subject to existing Illinois law. By agreement of the Parties, the Mediator's Award will be final and binding and not subject to appeal or motion for reconsideration by any Party.

V. Mediation Costs

A. ADR Systems Fee Schedule

1. A deposit is required for the Administrative Fee, Mediator's estimated review, session, and follow-up time ("Mediation Costs"). Binding-Mediations are billed at a four hour per day minimum. **The required deposit amount is \$2,590.00 from Party B and is due by November 21, 2016.** Any unused portion of the deposit will be refunded based on the four hour minimum. If the Mediator's review, session and follow-up time go over the estimated amount, each Party will be invoiced for the additional time.
2. Mediation Costs are usually divided equally among all Parties, unless otherwise agreed upon by the Parties. **ADR Systems must be notified of special fee arrangements.**
3. All deposits are due two weeks prior to the session. ADR Systems reserves the right to cancel a session if deposits are not received from all Parties two weeks prior to the session.
4. ADR Systems requires **14-day notice in writing or via electronic transmission** of cancellation or continuance. For Binding-Mediations **cancelled or continued** within 14 days of the session, the Party causing the cancellation will be billed for the Mediation Costs of all the Parties involved, which includes the four hour per day minimum, additional review time, and any other expenses incurred ("cancellation fees"). If the cancellation is by agreement of all Parties, or if the case has settled, the cancellation fees will be split equally among all Parties, unless ADR Systems is instructed otherwise. The cancellation fees may be waived if the Mediator's lost time can be filled by another matter.

Administrative Fee	\$390.00 (Non-refundable)
Mediator's Review Time	\$450.00 per hour
Session Time	\$450.00 per hour
Mediator's Decision Writing Time	\$450.00 per hour
Mediator's Travel Time (if any)	\$75.00 per hour

B. Responsibility for Payment

****Special Billing**

1. Each Party and its counsel (including that counsel's firm) shall be jointly and severally responsible for the payment of that Party's allocated share of the Mediation Costs as set forth above.
2. All expenses and disbursements made by ADR Systems in connection with the Mediation, including, but not limited to, outside room rental fee, meals, express mail and messenger charges, and any other charges associated with the Mediation, will be billed equally to the Parties at the time of the invoice.

3. In the event that a Party and/or its counsel fails to pay ADR Systems in accordance with the terms of this Agreement, then that Party and/or its counsel shall be responsible for all costs, including attorney's fees, incurred by ADR Systems in connection with the collection of any amount due and owing. Payment of additional costs incurred by ADR Systems in connection with the collection of any amount due and owing shall be made within 15 days of invoice.
4. In the event ADR Systems' session rooms are completely booked on your selected session date, ADR Systems will attempt to find another complimentary venue for your session. If ADR Systems cannot find a complimentary venue or the parties cannot agree on the complimentary venue, ADR Systems reserves the right to schedule your case in a location that may involve a facilities charge. The facilities charge will be split equally among the parties unless ADR Systems is instructed otherwise.
5. ****Defendant agrees to pay up to \$3,500.00 of Plaintiff's Binding Mediation Costs.**

VI. Acknowledgment of Agreement

- A. By signing this Agreement, I acknowledge that I have read and agree to all the provisions as set forth above.
- B. Each Party is responsible for only his/her own signature where indicated and will submit this signed Agreement to ADR Systems within 10 days of receipt of the Agreement. Counsel may sign on behalf of the Party.

By: _____
Paul Dulberg / Plaintiff Date

By: _____
Kelly N. Baudin / Attorney for the Plaintiff Date

By: _____
Randall Baudin, II / Attorney for the Plaintiff Date

By: _____
Shoshan Reddington / Attorney for the Defendant Date

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