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STATE OF LOUISIANA CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS

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HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, IN	NC. BOARD OF	i/.		_/
DIRECTORS		SERIAL NO.	DEPUTY	PARISH
REST	RAINING	ORDER		
TO: HADROD HOMEOWINEDS ASSOCIA	MION INC. DOZD	D OF DIDECTOR		
THROUGH: HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIA THROUGH: ITS REGISTERED AGENT	TION, INC. BOAR	D OF DIRECTORS		
CALEB H. DIDRIKSEN, 3114	CANAL STREET			\$
NEW ORLEANS	<u>LA</u>			
GREETING: WHEREAS, it has been repr	resented unto us	in our said Distr	rict Court	on the part
of OATS, STEPHEN A.		in a PETITION		
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lately exhibited against you touchi		ers and things the	erein set f	orth; and,
Whereas, the Honorable Kern A. Rees		, a Judge o		
due consideration thereof, has made				
required to show cause on the 9 da				
injunction should not issue as pray		AND PERMENENT INJU		, And,
Whereas, the said Judge has granted	dand allowed an	order restraining	you	
HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. DIRECTORS	BOARD OF	immediately and f	Forthwith a	nd during
the pendency of said motion for an	injunction to t	he full extent and	l effect as	prayed for
in said PETITION FOR TRO, INJUNCTIO AND PERMENENT INJUNCT				
Now, therefore, in consideration	of the premise	s and of the alleg	gations in	said
PETITION FOR TRO, INJUNCTION CON AND PERMENENT INJUNCT	tained, you, the	e said		
HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC.	BOARD OF DIREC	TORS , yo	our agents,	attorneys,
and servants and each of you are he	reby commanded	and strictly enjoi	ned under	the penalty
of law. that von and each of you ab	solutely refrai	n and desist from		
1. Mandating that the Board m	ake available all c	of the financial docur	nents reques	sted, which
are necessary to conduct an i	independent audit	on the Association's	financial red	cords;
2. Mandating that the Board	immediately con	aply with State stat	ute and the	founding
documents regarding all fina	ncial transactions;	;		
3. Restraining, enjoining, and	prohibiting the I	Board from proceed	ing with ex	penditures
outside of normal business	until the Board	produces the require	ed documen	tation and
And th complies with the founding of	documents and Lo	uisiana law, in full;		
attorneys, and servants and each of	you remain so	inhibited and rest	.Laineu unc	TT CHC
further order of our said Court in	the premises.			
Witness the Honorables Tiffany Ch	ase, Robin M. G	iarruso, Michael G	. Bagneris	, Regina
Bartholomew, Ethel S. Julien, Clare	Jupiter, Paule	tte Irons, Lloyd J	. Medley,	Jr,
Paula Brown, Piper D. Griffin, Kern	A. Reese, Bern	adette D'Souza, Si	dney H. Ca	tes IV
and Christopher Bruno, Judges of th	e said Court of	the City of New C	rleans, LA	, this

30 day of January in the year of our Lord, 2015.

Deputy Clerk.
DALE N. ATKINS, CLERK OF COURT

Issued at the request of: Klotz, William Bar No. 17877

ATTORNEY'S NAME: Klotz, William 17877

AND ADDRESS:

909 Poydras Street, Suite 2950 New Orleans LA 70112

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS STATE OF LOUISIANA

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OATS, STEPHEN A. versus HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

CITATION

TO: HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THROUGH: ITS REGISTERED AGENT

CALEB H. DIDRIKSEN 3114 CANAL STREET NEW ORLEANS

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YOU HAVE BEEN SUED: You are ordered to show cause

February 9, 2015

at 9:00 AM as prescribed in the annexed copy of petition as prayed for and according to law.

You must either comply with the demand contained in the petition

FOR TRO, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION W/EXHIBITS ATTACHED

a certified copy of which accompanies this citation, or file an answer or other legal pleading in the office of the Clerk of this Court, Room 402, Civil Courts Building, 421 Loyola Avenue, New Orleans, LA, within fifteen (15) days after the service hereof under penalty of default

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Legal assistance is advisable. If you want a lawyer and can't find one, you may call the New Orleans Lawyer Referral Service at 504-561- 8828. This Referral Service operates in conjunction with the New Orleans Bar Association. If you qualify, you may be entitled to free legal assistance through the New Orleans Legal Assistance Corp. You may call them at 800-624-4771 or 504-525-4431.

*********COURT PERSONNEL ARE NOT PERMITTED TO GIVE LEGAL ADVICE*********

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affix the seal of the Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, State of LA January 30, 2015 .

Clerk's Office, Room 402, Civil Courts 421 Loyola Avenue New Orleans, LA

SERIAL NO.

DEPUTY

PARISH

DALE N. ATKINS, Clerk of The Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans State of LA

Deputy Clerk SHERIFF'S RETURN (for use of process servers only) PERSONAL SERVICE DOMICILIARY SERVICE On this day of On this day of served a copy of the w/i petition served a copy of the w/i petition FOR TRO, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND PERMANENT FOR TRO, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION W/EXHIBITS ATTACHED INJUNCTION W/EXHIBITS ATTACHED On On HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF **DIRECTORS** DIRECTORS THROUGH: ITS REGISTERED AGENT THROUGH: ITS REGISTERED AGENT by leaving same at the dwelling house, or usual place of abode, in the hands of a person of suitable age and discretion residing therein as Returned same day a member of the domiciliary establishment, whose name and other facts connected with this service I learned by No. interrogating HIM / HER the said Deputy Sheriff of HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF **DIRECTORS** Mileage: \$ / ENTERED / being absent from the domicile at time of said service. **PAPER** RETURN Returned same day No.

Deputy Sheriff of

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEANS/LED

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STEPHEN A. OATS

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VERSUS

HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS

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DEPUTY CLERK

<u>PETITION FOR TEMPORARY RESTRAINING ORDER, PRELIMINARY INJUNCTION, AND PERMANENT INJUNCTION</u>

The petition of Stephen A. Oats, a person of the full age of majority and domiciled in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana, respectfully represents:

1.

Made Defendant herein is Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors, a corporation licensed to do and doing business in the Parish of Orleans, State of Louisiana.

2.

Plaintiff Stephen A. Oats is the record owner of a condominium located in 500 Lake Marina Drive, New Orleans, Louisiana 70124. As owner of this condominium, Plaintiff is a member with full rights of the Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc., responsible for the upkeep, management, and finances of the condominium property.

3.

Defendant, Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. and the condominium regime were created by the filing of a Declaration of Condominium, Articles of Incorporation, and organizational by-laws ("the founding documents") in the mortgage and conveyance records of Orleans Parish on April 29, 1983 in MOB 2421, folio 87 and the subsequent filing of the Articles of Incorporation with the Louisiana Secretary of State's office on April 25, 1985. Said documents dictate that members of the Association are defined as record owners of condominiums at 500 Lake Marina Drive.

4.

Defendant, Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors is the management entity for the Association and is bound by said founding documents which have the force of law between the parties.

The founding documents of the Association and Louisiana State statutes mandate:

- a. Proper accounting practices for all financial records and transactions be adopted by the Association through its Board of Directors (La. R.S. 9:1123.108) and (Harbor By-Laws Section 3.2(c)(12)).
- b. That all financial records of the Association be made available for inspection to members/homeowners or their agents with reasonable notice (La. R.S. 9:1123.108) and (Harbor By-Laws Section 3.2(c)(12)).
- c. That an annual audit be conducted by the Board along with an annual budget provided to the homeowners at least 45 days prior to the annual meeting of the Association. (Harbor By-Law Section 3.2(c)(12)).

6.

The Board has previously failed to comply with the founding documents and Louisiana law as related to audits and production of financial records upon request. Further, the Board has previously misappropriated funds and/or failed to keep a proper accounting in violation of the Harbor By-Laws. These actions required Plaintiff to file a prior Petition for Injunction, titled *Stephen A. Oats v. Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors*, Civil District Court for the Parish of Orleans, No. 09-6033, Div. "L.". The Honorable Kern A. Reese granted the request for TRO and ordered financial documents produced.

7.

Since that Court Order was issued in July 2009, Defendants have again refused to provide financial records. Because of this failure to comply with the Harbor By-Laws, on or around November 2015, Plaintiff, Stephen A. Oats requested copies of the financial records so he could conduct an independent audit. The Board has failed to respond.

8.

Plaintiff subsequently hired an accountant, Ms. Marjorie R. Corcoran, CPA, to perform an audit of the Association's finances. On December 8, 2014, Ms. Corcoran sent a formal request for production of certain financial records. The Board has failed to respond.

Both the Harbor Condominium declaration (Article X(a)) and La. State statute (La. R.S. 9:1124.115) allow for injunctive relief in this matter, and Plaintiff has made request as required by statute to inspect the accounts at issue.

10.

Unless a temporary restraining order is issued, mandating that the Board turn over or allow access to the requested documents and records, or is prevented from expending more funds (besides those necessary in the course of normal business), Plaintiff will suffer irreparable injury, loss and damage in that funds may be converted, misappropriated, or negligently spent.

11.

This temporary restraining order should issue without prior notice to Defendant as immediate relief is necessary to prevent damage to Plaintiff.

12.

This temporary restraining order should issue without security, as the Defendant will not be harmed in producing said documentation. In the alternative, security should be minimal in amount.

13.

The granting of the Temporary Restraining Order and/or preliminary injunction will maintain the status quo of the parties pending the outcome of Plaintiff's Petition for Preliminary Injunction and Permanent Injunction.

WHEREFORE, for the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff, Stephen A. Oats prays that this Honorable Court grant him a temporary restraining order, preliminary injunction, and permanent injunction, and that a temporary restraining order be issued herein, according to law, and without bond, directed to the Defendant:

- a. Mandating that the Board make available all of the financial documents requested, which are necessary to conduct an independent audit on the Association's financial records;
- b. Mandating that the Board immediately comply with La. State statute(s) and the condominium founding documents regarding all financial transactions;
- c. Restraining, enjoining, and prohibiting the Board from proceeding with expenditures outside of normal business; and

- d. Ordering that the Board show cause on the date and time fixed by this Honorable Court why a preliminary injunction in the form and substance of the temporary restraining order prayed for should not be issued; and
- e. For all additional relief as law, equity, and the nature of the cause may require.

Respectfully submitted, KLOTZ & EARLY

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Attorney for Plaintiff, Stephen A. Oats

PLEASE SERVE

Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors Through its registered agent

Caleb H. Didriksen 3114 Canal Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

CIVIL DISTRICT COURT FOR THE PARISH OF ORLEA

STATE OF LOUISIANA

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STEPHEN A. OATS

VERSUS

HARBOR HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS FILED:

ORDER

Considering the above and foregoing

IT IS ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that a Temporary Restraining Order issue immediately on the Plaintiff's furnishing security in the amount of \$ directed to Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors, directed to the Defendant:

- 1. Mandating that the Board make available all of the financial documents requested, which are necessary to conduct an independent audit on the Association's financial records;
- 2. Mandating that the Board immediately comply with State statute and the founding documents regarding all financial transactions;
- 3. Restraining, enjoining, and prohibiting the Board from proceeding with expenditures outside of normal business until the Board produces the required documentation and complies with the founding documents and Louisiana law, in full:

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED that Defendant, Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors, appear and show cause on the day of \$2015, at a.m./p.m. as to why a preliminary injunction and, eventually, a permanent injurction in the form and substance of the above temporary restraining order should not issue herein;

Signed in NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, this

PLEASE SERVE

Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors

Through its registered agent

Caleb H. Didriksen

3114 Canal Street

New Orleans, Louisiana 70119

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STATE OF LOUISIANA

PARISH OF ORLEANS

BEFORE ME, the undersigned Notary, personally appeared:

STEPHEN A. OATS

Who after, being sworn did depose and say that he has read the petition and that all of the allegations of fact contained therein are true and correct.

Sworn to and Subscribed before me, this A day of

NOTARY PUBLIC

W. PATRICK KLOTZ, Esq. Notary Public, Louisiana La. Bar #17877 Term is for Life

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ATTORNEY'S CERTIFICATE

The undersigned attorney certifies to this Honorable Court that on the 30 day of day of 2015 he delivered a copy of the foregoing Petition to Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. Board of Directors through its agent for service of process, Caleb H. Didriksen, and that Plaintiff should not be required to give additional notice because of the need for immediate relief.

NEW ORLEANS, Louisiana, this 304 day of January, 2015.

Respectfully submitted, KLOTZ & EARLY

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REQUEST FOR WRITTEN NOTICE

TO: Clerk of Court

421 Loyola Avenue, Room 402

New Orleans, Louisiana 70112

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that you are hereby requested to provide the undersigned counsel with written notice of the date of trial of the above matter, as well as notices of hearings (whether on the merits or otherwise), orders, judgments, and interlocutory decrees, and any and all formal steps taken by the parties herein, the Judge, or any member of the Court, pursuant to the Louisiana Code of Civil Procedure, and without limitation, Articles 1674, 1913 and 1914.

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Attorney for Plaintiff

CURCURAIN

Certified Public Accountant · Certified Valuation Analyst



December 8, 2014

Mr. Michael George, Director Mr. Peter Ingrassin, Director Ms. Lisa Schuler, Director % Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. 500 Lake Marina Drive, Unit 100 New Orleans, Louisiana 70124

Dear Mr. George, Mr. Ingrassin, and Ms. Schuler:

Mr. Stephen A. Oats, the owner of unit 429, has retained my firm to review the accounting records of Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. In accordance with Article 11 of the Condo Association's Articles of Incorporation, Mr. Oats propounds the following Request for Production of Documents of Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. to be answered within fifteen (15) of the time of service hereof.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS NO. 1:

Complete back-up of the accounting system and general ledger including all subsidiary ledgers for each condominium unit owner. The back-up of the accounting system and general ledger should also include all allocation calculation details and all maintenance and unit repair expense line items that, at a minimum, detail the vendor's information, the date of service, the expense amount, and the general ledger account classification information for the periods January 1, 2006 through the current date...

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS NO. 2:

If maintained by Harbor Homeowners Association, Inc. complete sub-ledgers, such as condo association operations management databases, for January 1, 2006 through the current data.

REQUEST FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS NO. 3

Copy of the Harbor Association Inc. audited financial statements prepared by the association's CPA firm and covering the calendar years 2006 through 2013

After I have had a chance to review this initial document request, I will contact your office to set-up an appointment to address the additional information needed to complete my review.

Thank you in advance for your prompt attention in this matter and please give me a call at 885-0505 as soon as these documents are ready to be picked up.

Sincerely.

Marjorie RyCorcoran CPA, CVA, MAFF

cc: Mr. Stephen A. Oats

EXHIBIT |