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Presentment Date and Time: July 10, 2012 at 12:00 p.m.
Objection Deadline: July 9, 2012 at 4:00 p.m.

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re

Jennifer Convertibles, Inc., et al.¹

Debtors.

Bk. No. 10-13779 - ALG

Chapter 11

Honorable Allan L. Gropper

MOTION FOR AN ORDER APPROVING THE SETTLEMENT OF AN
AVOIDANCE ACTION PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 9019

KDW Restructuring & Liquidation Services, LLC, Litigation Trustee for the Jennifer Convertibles Litigation Trust (the “Plaintiff”) files this motion (the “Motion”) pursuant to section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Rule 9019 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure seeking the Court’s authorization and approval to settle and resolve the claims against American Express Company (the “Defendant”) and, in support thereof, respectfully states as follows:

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JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction to consider and determine this Motion pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and section 105(a) of the Bankruptcy Code. This matter is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(A) and (L). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408 and 1409.

RELEVANT BACKGROUND

2. On or about July 18, 2010 (the "Petition Date") the Debtors each commenced a case by filing a voluntary petition for relief in this Court under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (collectively, the "Chapter 11 Cases").

3. On or about July 22, 2010, the Court entered an order authorizing the joint administration of the Chapter 11 Cases for procedural purposes pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1015(b) [Docket No. 51]. The Chapter 11 Cases were jointly administered as Case Number 10-13779 (ALG).

4. Pursuant to the Debtors' Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization for Jennifer Convertibles, Inc. And Its Affiliated Debtors dated December 21, 2010 [Docket No. 399] (the "Plan"), which was confirmed on February 8, 2011 pursuant to the Court's Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law, and Order Confirming the Amended Joint Chapter 11 Plan of Reorganization of Jennifer Convertibles, Inc. And Its Affiliated Debtors [Docket No. 491], and the Litigation Trust Agreement, Plaintiff is authorized to pursue, commence, prosecute, compromise, settle, dismiss, release, waive, withdraw, abandon, or resolve all Litigation Trust Avoidance Actions.

5. The terms of the settlement are reflected in the settlement agreement, which is annexed hereto as Exhibit "A." In sum, the settlement provided that Defendant shall pay Plaintiff on or before October 14, 2011, the sum of \$7,000.00.

RELIEF REQUESTED AND APPLICABLE AUTHORITY

6. By this Motion, Plaintiff seeks entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit “B,” approving and granting her authority to execute the settlement agreement on behalf of the Debtor, thereby resolving the Adversary Proceeding.

7. This Motion is governed by Bankruptcy Rule 9019. Bankruptcy Rule 9019(a) provides, in pertinent part: “[A]fter notice and a hearing, the court may approve a compromise or settlement.” The legal standard for determining the propriety of a bankruptcy settlement is whether the settlement is in the “best interests of the estate.” In re Vouzianas, 250 B.R. 478, 481 (E.D.N.Y. 2000), aff’d 259 F.3d 103 (2d Cir. 2001).

8. The United States Supreme Court established the measure for determining whether a settlement is in the best interests of the estate in Protective Committee for Independent Stockholders of TMT Trailer Ferry v. Anderson, 390 U.S. 414 (1968). The Supreme Court held that approval of a settlement requires a finding that the settlement is “fair and equitable.” Id. at 424. According to the Supreme Court, such a finding is to be based on:

[an] educated estimate of the complexity, expense, and likely duration of... litigation, the possible difficulties of collecting on any judgment which might be obtained, and all other factors relevant to a full and fair assessment of the wisdom of the proposed compromise.

Id. See also In re Adelphia Communications Corp., 327 B.R. 143, 158-59 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2005), adhered to on reconsideration, 327 B.R. 175 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 2005) (determination as to whether proposed compromise is fair and equitable requires exercise of informed, independent judgment by court).

9. The decision to approve a settlement or compromise is within the discretion of the Court and is warranted where the settlement is found to be reasonable and fair in light of the particular circumstances of the case. See TMT, 390 U.S. at 424-25. The settlement need not be the best that could have been achieved, but need only fall “within the reasonable range of litigation possibilities,” In re Penn Central Transp. Co., 596 F.2d 1102, 1114 (3d Cir. 1979), and not “below the lowest point in the range of reasonableness.” Cosoff v. Rodman (In re W.T. Grant Co.), 699 F.2d 599, 608 (2d Cir. 1983), cert. denied, 464 U.S. 822 (1983); see also In re Gardi, 273 B.R. 4, 18 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 2002); In re Adelphia, supra, 327 B.R. at 159.

10. Based on the standards set forth by the Supreme Court in TMT, courts have held that an evaluation of proposed compromises and settlements should not become a mini-trial on the merits of the claims involved. In re Interstate Cigar Co. 240 B.R. 816, 822 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1999). Rather, the court only need be apprised of those facts that are necessary to enable it to evaluate the settlement and to make a considered and independent judgment about the settlement. In re Adelphia, supra, 327 B.R. at 159; In re Energy Co-op., Inc., 886 F.2d 921, 924-25 (7th Cir. 1989). Thus, a court should give deference to a debtor’s informed judgment that a compromise is fair and equitable to the estate. Penn Central, 596 F. 2d at 1114.

11. In the case In re Texaco, Inc., 84 B.R. 893, 901 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1988), the court listed a number of factors for consideration in approving a settlement. As a result, bankruptcy courts in this district have considered the following factors in determining whether to approve an application to approve a settlement under Bankruptcy Rule 9019:

- (i) The balance between the likelihood of success compared to the present and future benefits offered by the settlement;

- (ii) The prospect of complex and protracted litigation if the settlement is not approved;
- (iii) The proportion of the class members who do not objection or who affirmatively support the proposed settlement;
- (iv) The competency and experience of counsel who support settlement;
- (v) The relative benefits to be received by individuals or by groups of the class;
- (vi) The nature and breadth of releases to be obtained by officers and directors; and
- (vii) The extent to which the settlement is the product of arms-length bargaining.

In re Interstate Cigar, *supra*, 240 B.R. at 822-23; In re Spielfogel, 211 B.R. 133, 144 (Bankr. E.D.N.Y. 1997). See also In re Adelphia, *supra*, 327 B.R. at 159-60.

12. Having reviewed the merits of the underlying claims against Defendant, Plaintiff, in consultation with its advisors, has determined that the proposed settlement of the claims against Defendant on the terms indicated above, represent a favorable resolution of the potential claims, and is in Plaintiff's best interest, considering, among other things, the defenses asserted by Defendant and the cost, expense, uncertainty and delays associated with litigating the matter. For these reason, the settlement with the Defendant should be approved by the Court.

NOTICE AND PRIOR MOTION

13. Notice of this Motion has been given to (i) counsel for the Creditors' Committee, (ii) the Office of the United States Trustee for this District, and (iii) counsel for the Defendant. In light of the nature of the relief and the cost of giving notice to all of the creditors in this case, the Trustee submits that no other or further notice need be given.

14. No previous motion for the relief sought herein has been made to this or any other Court.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff respectfully requests that this Court enter an order, in the form annexed hereto as Exhibit “B,” approving the Settlement Agreement annexed hereto as Exhibit “A,” and providing for such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: June 19, 2012

A·S·K FINANCIAL LLP

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Exhibit "A"

In Re: Jennifer Convertibles, Inc., et al.
Case No. 10-13779

KDW Restructuring & Liquidation Services, LLC, Litigation Trustee
vs.
American Express Company

SETTLEMENT OFFER AND ACCEPTANCE FORM FILE NO: JCIAME001

I/We have read the letter and enclosures sent by the Litigation Trustee with this offer, which reflect that I/we received transfer(s) in the amount of \$53,820.11 during the ninety (90) day preference period (the "Preference Amount").

The net preference amount after allowance for conceded new value, if any, may be substantially reduced.

OFFER

KDW Restructuring & Liquidation Services, LLC, Litigation Trustee, herein offers to settle the claims asserted for recovery of transfers for the "Settlement Amount" set forth below.

The offer requires that payment be received on or before October 14, 2011. If required, we will submit this settlement to the Bankruptcy Court for its approval.

ACCEPTANCE OF SETTLEMENT OFFER

Having considered the Settlement Offer and our rights and liabilities, I/we hereby accept the offer to settle the Preference Claim on the terms set forth above and herein enclose a check payable to JCI Trust Account for the Settlement Amount.

I/we waive my/our right(s) to receive a claim for the amount of the settlement. Any existing claim shall be unaffected by this settlement.

Executed on this 4 day of October, 2011.
Defendant: ~~American Express Company~~ TRAVEL RELATED SERVICES COMPANY, INC.
Our File No. JCIAME001

By: ERIC VAN Its ATTORNEY
Print: _____ Title: _____
(215) 279-9911
Phone Number _____

RETURN WITH CHECK FOR \$7,000.00 ("SETTLEMENT AMOUNT")
PAYABLE TO **JCI Trust Account**
PRIOR TO **October 14, 2011**
MAIL TO: **A-S-K Financial LLP**
2600 EAGAN WOODS DRIVE, SUITE 400
St. Paul, MN 55121
Phone: 651-406-9665 Fax: 651-406-9676
Attn: Accounting Department

Exhibit “B”

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**ORDER APPROVING SETTLEMENT BY
AND BETWEEN KDW RESTRUCTURING & LIQUIDATION SERVICES,
LLC LITIGATION TRUSTEE AND AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY
RESOLVING CLAIMS ARISING UNDER §§
547, 548, 549, 502 AND 550 OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE**

Upon the (i) Notice of Presentment of Order (the “Order”) Approving Settlement by and Between KDW Restructuring & Liquidation Services, LLC Litigation Trustee (the “Plaintiff”) and American Express Company (the “Defendant”) Resolving Claims Arising Under §§ 547, 548, 549, 502 and 550 of the Bankruptcy Code and (ii) Motion in Support of Entry of the Order both dated June 19, 2012, filed by Plaintiff; and upon the Settlement Agreement, a true copy of which is annexed to the Motion as Exhibit “A” (the “Settlement Agreement”); and it appearing that this Court has jurisdiction over this proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and it appearing that this proceeding is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §157(b); and it appearing that venue of this proceeding is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1408 and 1409; and it appearing that notice of presentment of the Order and opportunity to be heard were appropriate under the circumstances and that no further notice need be given; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby

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ORDERED, that the settlement between Plaintiff and Defendant pursuant to the terms and conditions described in the Motion and the Settlement Agreement, is hereby approved, and it is further

ORDERED, that the Court shall retain jurisdiction to construe, enforce, and resolve any dispute concerning the Order.

Dated: New York, New York
_____, 2012

By: _____
HONORABLE ALLEN L. GROPPER
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE