

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF COOK COUNTY, ILLINOIS
COUNTY DEPARTMENT, CHANCERY DIVISION

IN THE MATTER OF THE LIQUIDATION OF)
GENEVA ASSURANCE SYNDICATE, INC.) No. 96 CH 5093

**JOINT PETITION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER
EXTENDING CLAIM FILING DEADLINES**

NOW COMES Mark Boozell, Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois, in his capacity as Liquidator (the "Director" or "Liquidator") of Geneva Assurance Syndicate, Inc. ("Geneva"), by and through one of his attorneys, and Intervening Parties, the Illinois Insurance Exchange Immediate Access Security Association (the "Association") and the Illinois Insurance Exchange Guaranty Fund (the "Guaranty Fund"), by and through one of their attorneys, and petition this Honorable Court as follows:

1. On July 11, 1996, this Court entered an Agreed Order of Liquidation With A Finding of Insolvency as, to and against Geneva pursuant to Section 188 of the Illinois Insurance Code (the "Code"), 215 ILCS 5/188. The Order of Liquidation appointed the Director of Insurance, and his successors in office, as Liquidator of Geneva and authorized him to take such action as the nature of the cause and the interests of Geneva, its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, or the general public, may require.

2. That the Order of Liquidation further provided, *inter alia*, that the rights and liabilities of Geneva, and of its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and of all other persons interested in Geneva's property or assets, were fixed as of the date of the entry of the Order of Liquidation, except as otherwise provided in the Order of Liquidation.

3. That Section 208 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/208, provides, *inter alia*, for the filing of claims against an insurer which has been ordered into liquidation proceedings, and requires the

Director to notify all persons who may have such claims as to the procedures and applicable deadlines relating to the filing of claims.

4. That, pursuant to Section 107.26(b) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/107(b), one of the duties of the Association is to, upon the entry of an Order of Liquidation, establish a claims date by which time all persons having claims arising out of insurance obligations of the subject syndicate must file their claims with the Association. Section 107.26(b) also requires the Association to determine the liability of the insolvent syndicate within sixty (60) days after the claims date.

5. That on August 6, 1996, the Court entered an Order Fixing Rights and Liabilities and Providing for the Filing of Claims and the Setting of Claim Filing Deadlines (the "Fixing Order"), a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit "A". Pursuant to the Fixing Order, the Court directed the Liquidator and the Association to notify all companies and entities, which Geneva's books and records reveal have, or may have, claims against Geneva, its property or assets, or against a Geneva insured or policyholder, that all such claims must be presented to and filed with the Liquidator on or before July 11, 1997 (the "Claim Filing Deadline").

6. That the Fixing Order further provided that any insured under an insurance policy issued by Geneva shall have the right to present the Liquidator with a proof of claim setting forth a contingent claim, subject to the Claim Filing Deadline; and that the final date by which evidence supporting the liquidation of any such contingent claim may be received by the Liquidator is July 13, 1998 (the "Contingent Claim Deadline").

7. That, in order to efficiently provide proper notice to potential claimants against Geneva, and to ensure that the statutory duties of the Liquidator and the Association are effectively performed, the Liquidator and the Association previously determined it prudent to cooperate in performing certain administrative activities. In furtherance of this decision, the Association, pursuant to the authority granted to it by Section 107.26(c), delegated to the

Liquidator certain of the Association's duties under Section 107.26, and the Liquidator agreed to perform such duties in regards to those claimants with claims against Geneva which are potentially subject to evaluation by the Association; including, *inter alia*, the mailing of notices, from the Liquidator and the Association, setting forth the general claim filing deadline and claim filing procedures applicable to claims potentially subject to evaluation by the Association to those persons, companies and entities which Geneva's books and records reveal have, or may have, claims against Geneva pursuant to Section 107.26 of the Code.

8. That, pursuant to the Court's Fixing Order and in cooperation with, and upon delegation of authority from, the Association, the Liquidator has, to date, mailed approximately 15,300 notices and proof of claim forms to persons and entities which have, or may have, claims against the property and assets of the Geneva Estate. The Liquidator has also served notice upon such persons and entities by publication, as required by the Fixing Order and 215 ILCS 5/208. As of June 30, 1997, approximately 947 proof of claim forms have been filed with, and received by, the Liquidator.

9. That, on May 13, 1997, the Court entered an order approving and authorizing the Liquidator, the Association and the Guaranty Fund to enter into an agreement for the receipt, evaluation and adjudication of claims submitted in the Geneva Liquidation proceedings (the "Claim Service Agreement"). One of the stated purposes for entering into the Claim Service Agreement was to avoid unnecessary duplication of effort and expense in the parties' performance of their respective statutory duties under 215 ILCS 5/107.26(b) and 215 ILCS 5/209.

10. Due to certain factors, the most significant of which has been the lack of available liquid assets in the Geneva Estate, the Liquidator, and consequently the Association, has/have been unable to fully perform his/their statutory duties relating to providing the required notice to all potential claimants and the receipt, evaluation and adjudication of claims filed in the liquidation proceedings.

11. Activities which need to be completed prior to the expiration of the Claim Filing Deadline include, inter alia, the following:

- (i) Processing and mailing notices and proof of claim forms to approximately 85 entities which previously ceded certain risks to Geneva as the assuming reinsurer.
- (ii) Processing and mailing notices and proof of claim forms to approximately 150 potential claimants who have contacted the Liquidator's office in relation to alleged claims which were not previously reported to Geneva, and for which no claim files presently exist.¹
- (iii) Reviewing and processing approximately 200 boxes of documents relating to a variety of long-term/long-tail claims, including environmental, professional liability and product liability claims. It is unknown at this time how many claims/claimants will be revealed by this review. Once these documents are organized and processed, notices and proof of claim forms will be mailed to the potential claimants.

12. That the Liquidator, the Association and the Guaranty Fund have determined that it would be prudent and in the best interests of Geneva, its policyholders and creditors, to extend the Claim Filing Deadline and the Contingent Claim Deadline so that the Liquidator may be afforded the time and opportunity to complete the performance of his statutory duties under 215 ILCS 5/208 and, by delegation, the duties of the Association under 215 ILCS 5/107.26(b).

¹ One of these potential claimants has requested 50 proof of claim forms, another has requested 1700 forms.

13. That, in addition, if the Claim Filing Deadline is extended, the Association's obligation to determine the liability of the insolvent syndicate, based on the claims filed pursuant to Section 107.26(b), should also be extended.

14. That the Liquidator, the Association and the Guaranty Fund have determined that it would be in the best interests of the Geneva, its policyholders and creditors, that the Claim Filing Deadline and the Contingent Claim Deadline be extended for a period of one (1) year.

15. That, in an effort to preserve the limited assets of the Geneva estate and in order to identify the universe of claims asserted against those assets as soon as possible, the Liquidator, the Association and the Guaranty Fund have determined that it would be in the best interests of Geneva, its policyholders and creditors, to limit the extension of the Claim Filing Deadline only to that certain class of potential claimants who have not, to date, received the Liquidator's/Association's notice and proof of claim forms; and that certain class of potential claimants who received notices and proof of claim forms which were mailed by the Liquidator to such claimants after January 1, 1997.²

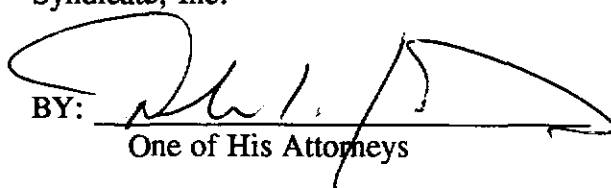
WHEREFORE, MARK BOOZELL, Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois, in his capacity as Liquidator of Geneva Assurance Syndicate, Inc., and Intervening Parties, the Illinois Insurance Exchange Immediate Access Security Association and the Illinois Insurance Exchange Guaranty Fund, pray that this Court enter an order: (1) extending the Claim Filing Deadline to July 13, ¹⁹⁹⁸ ~~1988~~, and the Contingent Claim Deadline to July 12, 1999, with such extension of the Claim Filing Deadline being limited to apply only to that certain class of potential claimants who have not, to date, received the Liquidator's/Association's notice and proof of claim forms, and that certain class of potential claimants who received notices and proof of claim forms which were mailed by the Liquidator to such claimants after January 1, 1997; and (2) extending the date by

² The Contingent Claim Deadline would be extended for one (1) year for all claimants.

which the Association shall determine the liability of Geneva based on all claims filed to September 11, 1998.

Respectfully submitted,

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**ORDER FIXING
RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES AND
PROVIDING FOR THE FILING OF CLAIMS
AND THE SETTING OF CLAIM FILING DEADLINES**

THIS CAUSE COMING ON TO BE HEARD upon the petition of MARK BOOZELL, Director of Insurance of the State of Illinois, as Liquidator (the "Liquidator") of Geneva Assurance Syndicate, Inc. ("Geneva") for the entry of an order fixing rights and liabilities and providing for the filing of claims and the setting of claim filing deadlines; due notice having been given, the Court having jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof, the Court having reviewed the petition filed herein and having heard the arguments of counsel thereon, and the Court being otherwise fully advised in the premises:

THE COURT FINDS:

1. That on July 11, 1996, this Court entered an Agreed Order of Liquidation With a Finding of Insolvency as, to and against Geneva pursuant to Section 188 of the Illinois Insurance Code (the "Code"), 215 ILCS 5/188. The Order of Liquidation appointed the Director of Insurance, and his successors in office, as Liquidator of Geneva and authorized him to take such action as the nature of the cause and the interests of Geneva, its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and the public, may require.

2. That the Order of Liquidation further provided, inter alia, that the rights and liabilities of Geneva, and of its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and of all other persons interested in Geneva's property or assets were fixed, as follows:



L. That the rights and liabilities of Geneva, and of its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and of all other persons interested in Geneva's property or assets are hereby fixed as of the date of the entry of this Order of Liquidation, except as provided in Paragraph (M) herein, or as may otherwise be provided by further order of this Court;

M. That all direct policies and/or certificates of insurance heretofore issued by Geneva are hereby cancelled upon the following terms:

1. All direct policies and/or certificates of insurance which may give rise to "covered claims" of the Illinois Insurance Exchange Guaranty Fund, as defined in Section 15 of the Illinois Insurance Exchange Regulations, are hereby cancelled on the earliest of:

(a) At 12.01 a.m., local time of the insured or policyholder of any such direct policy and/or certificate of insurance, thirty-one (31) days after the date this Order of Liquidation is entered; or

(b) Upon the expiration date of any such direct policy and/or certificate of insurance, if the expiration date is less than thirty-one (31) days after the entry of this Order of Liquidation; or

(c) Upon the date the insured or policyholder of any such direct policy and/or certificate of insurance replaces the direct policy and/or certificate of insurance, or on request effects cancellation, if the insured or policyholder does so within thirty-one days after the entry of this Order of Liquidation.

2. All other direct policies and/or certificates of insurance issued by Geneva are hereby cancelled effective upon the entry of this Order of Liquidation.

3. That, pursuant to Section 209(5) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/209(5), the obligation of Geneva, if any, to defend or continue the defense of any claim or suit under a liability insurance policy was terminated upon the entry of the Order of Liquidation.

4. That Section 208 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/208, provides, inter alia, for the filing of claims against an insurer which has been ordered into liquidation proceedings, and requires the Director to notify all persons who may have such claims as to the procedures and applicable deadlines relating to the filing of claims.

5. That, pursuant to Section 107.26(b) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/107.26(b), the Illinois Insurance Exchange Immediate Access Security Association (the "Association") is to, upon the entry of an Order of Liquidation, establish a claims date by which time all persons having claims arising out of insurance obligations of the subject syndicate must file their claims with the Association.

6. That the Liquidator and the Association have determined that a number of persons, companies and entities have, claim to have, or may have, claims against Geneva, its insureds or policyholders, or its property or assets.

7. That, in order to efficiently provide proper notice to potential claimants against Geneva, and to ensure that the statutory duties of the Liquidator and the Illinois Insurance Exchange Immediate Access Security Association are effectively performed, the Liquidator and the Association have determined it prudent to cooperate in performing certain administrative activities. In furtherance of this decision, the Illinois Insurance Exchange Immediate Access Security Association, pursuant to the authority granted to it by Section 107.26(c), has agreed to delegate to the Liquidator certain of the Association's duties under Section 107.26, and the Liquidator has agreed to perform such duties, as set forth in the Liquidator's instant Petition.

8. That the Liquidator and the Association have further determined that, in order to effectively and promptly administer the affairs and assets of Geneva and to protect the interests of its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and the public, it is necessary that this order be entered pursuant to Sections 107.26, 194, 208, and 209 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/107.26, 5/194, 5/208 and 5/209, fixing the rights and liabilities of Geneva and of its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and all other persons interested in its property or assets; establishing a procedure for the filing of proofs of claim against the assets of Geneva in order that such claims, if meritorious, may share in any distribution of estate assets; setting a deadline for the filing of any such proofs of claim; and fixing the last date by which evidence supporting the liquidation of timely filed contingent claims may be received by the Liquidator.

IT IS, THEREFORE, HEREBY ORDERED:

A. That the rights and liabilities of Geneva and its policyholders, creditors and stockholders, and all other persons interested in Geneva's property or assets shall be and hereby are fixed, pursuant to the terms of the Order of Liquidation, Section 194 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/194, and Section 107.26 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/107.26, as of July 11, 1996; except to the extent that direct policies and/or certificates of insurance were terminated subsequent to July 11, 1996, pursuant to Paragraph (M) of the Order of Liquidation, or to the extent that persons are entitled to file contingent claims as hereinafter set forth, or unless otherwise provided by subsequent order of this Court.

B. That the Liquidator and the Association are hereby directed to notify all persons, companies and entities, as hereinafter set forth in Paragraphs (C) and (D), which Geneva's books and records reveal have, or may have, claims against Geneva, its property or assets, or against a Geneva insured or policyholder, that all such claims must be presented to and filed with the Liquidator, or a duly authorized Ancillary Receiver of Geneva, in the form of a proper proof of claim as hereinafter set forth, on or before July 11, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. (C.D.T.). Said notice by the Liquidator and the Association shall specify July 11, 1997 at 4:30 p.m. (C.D.T.) to be the last day by which any such proof of claim may be received by the Liquidator, or a duly authorized Ancillary Receiver of Geneva, for the purposes of participating in any distribution of assets that may be made on timely filed claims which are allowed in these proceedings.

C. That a notice of the claim filing procedures and claim filing deadlines from the Liquidator and the Association shall be served upon those persons, companies and entities which Geneva's books and records reveal have, or may have, claims against Geneva, its property or assets, or against a Geneva insured or policyholder, by the Liquidator depositing a copy of said notice, together with a proof of claim form, in the United States mail, enclosed in an envelope, with first class postage prepaid, addressed to each such person, company or entity at his, her or its last known address as disclosed by Geneva's books and records.

D. That the Liquidator is hereby directed to also provide notice by publication to all persons, companies or entities who have, or may have, claims against Geneva, its property or assets, or against its insureds or policyholders, by causing a notice to be published at least once each week for three consecutive weeks in a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of Cook, State of Illinois, and in such other newspaper(s) as he may deem advisable. That the notice so published shall: (a) advise all such persons, companies and entities of their right to present their claim or claims against Geneva, its property or assets, or against a Geneva insured or policyholder, to the Liquidator; (b) advise all such persons, companies and entities of the procedure by which they may present their claims to the Liquidator; (c) advise all such persons, companies and entities of the location of the Liquidator's office where they may present their claims; and (d) specifying the last day by which proofs of claims may be received by the Liquidator for purposes of participating in any distribution of assets that may be made on timely filed claims allowed in these proceedings.

E. That all persons, companies or entities having, or claiming to have, any accounts, debts, claims or demands against Geneva, its property or assets, or against a Geneva insured or policyholder, are hereby directed to present their claims to the Liquidator at his office as designated in the above described notice, on or before the claim filing deadline set forth in Paragraph (B) above, by way of a properly completed proof of claim. Further, that a proper proof of claim must consist of a statement, under oath, in writing, signed by the claimant, setting forth a specific claim, the consideration therefore, and whether any, and if so what, payments have been made thereon, and that the sum so claimed is justly owing from Geneva to the claimant; and, furthermore, that whenever a claim is founded upon an instrument in writing, such instrument, unless lost or destroyed, shall be filed with the proof of claim and, if such instrument is lost or destroyed, a statement of such fact and the circumstances of such loss or destruction shall be filed under oath with the claim.

F. That, pursuant to Section 209(4) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/209(4), any insured under an insurance policy issued by Geneva shall have the right to present the Liquidator with

a proof of claim setting forth a contingent claim, subject to the claim filing deadline set forth in Paragraph (B) above. Further, that the final date by which evidence supporting the liquidation of any such contingent claim may be received by the Liquidator shall be July 13, ¹⁹⁹⁸ 1988 at 4:30 p.m. (C.D.T.); and that no such contingent claim shall be allowed for purposes of participating in any distribution of estate assets that may be made at the fourth priority level [215 ILCS 5/205(1)(d)] unless such claim has been liquidated and the insured claimant has presented evidence of payment of such claim to the Liquidator on or before July 13, ¹⁹⁹⁸ 1988 at 4:30 p.m. (C.D.T.). Furthermore, that any contingent claim for which a proof of claim was received by the claim filing deadline set forth in Paragraph (B) above, but which is not liquidated by July 13, 1988, may be estimated pursuant to Section 209(4)(b) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/209(4)(b), for the purposes of participating in any distribution of estate assets that may be made at the fifth priority level [215 ILCS 5/205 (1)(e)], unless this Court has issued an order pursuant to 215 ILCS 5/209(12) relieving the Liquidator of his responsibility to review the unliquidated contingent claims based upon the Liquidator's report to the Court that the assets of the estate will not be sufficient to pay claims at the fifth priority level [215 ILCS 5/205(1)(e)].

G. That, pursuant to Section 209(5) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/209(5), which provides that the obligation of Geneva, if any, to defend or continue the defense of any claim or suit under a liability insurance policy was terminated upon the entry of the Order of Liquidation, an insured of Geneva may include in their contingent claims reasonable attorneys fees for services rendered subsequent to the entry of the Order of Liquidation in the defense of claims or suits covered by the insured's liability insurance policy, provided that all such attorneys fees have actually been paid by the assured and evidence of such payment has been presented in the manner required for the liquidation of an insured's contingent claim as set forth in Paragraph (F) above.

H. That any person, company or entity having a cause of action against a Geneva insured under an insurance policy issued by Geneva, whose claim was a contingent claim as of the entry of the Order of Liquidation, may file its claim as set forth in Paragraph (B) above, and such claim may be allowed: (a) if it may be reasonably inferred from the proof presented upon

the claim that the claimant would be able to obtain a judgment upon the cause of action against such insured; (b) if such person, company or entity has furnished suitable proof, unless this Court for good cause shown shall otherwise direct, that no further valid claims against Geneva arising out of the cause of action other than those already presented can be made; and (c) if the total liability of Geneva to all claimants arising out of the same act shall be no greater than its total liability would be were it not in liquidation.

I. That, subject to the provisions for the late filing of claims contained in Section 208(2) and 208(3) of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/208(2)-(3), no person having or claiming to have any claim or claims against Geneva shall participate in any distribution of the assets of Geneva unless such claims are filed or presented in accordance with, and within the time limits established by, this Order.

J. That the Liquidator is hereby directed, pursuant to Sections 107.26 and 209 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/107.26 and 5/209, and subject to the further order of this Court, to examine and investigate any and all properly filed proofs claim and to submit his recommendations as to the allowance or disallowance, in whole or in part, of each such claim to this Court, unless it is reported to the Court that the assets of the estate will not be sufficient to pay claims at a certain level of priority under 215 ILCS 5/205, and this Court therefore exempts the Liquidator pursuant to 215 ILCS 5/209(12) from evaluation or adjudication of any claims at the designated level of priority. Further, that upon the filing of such report on claims recommendations pursuant to 215 ILCS 5/209(13), and any hearing on any objections thereto, this Court shall thereupon take further action as justice may require.

K. That the Liquidator shall not pay the claims of any creditors, policyholders, insureds or other claimants of Geneva required to file proofs of claim until the deadlines for the timely presentment of proofs of claim to the Liquidator and the submission of evidence for the liquidation of insureds' contingent claims have both passed, and the Liquidator has estimated all unliquidated contingent claims, or this Court has entered an order pursuant to 215 ILCS

5/209(12) as set forth in Paragraph (F) herein, and all such claims have been allowed or disallowed, in whole or in part, by order of this Court, unless payment of such claims is hereafter authorized or approved by this Court.

L. That the activities to be performed by the Liquidator, upon delegation of authority from the Association, are hereby approved and are further deemed to satisfy the duties of the Association under Section 107.26 of the Code, 215 ILCS 5/107.26, as follows:

(a) The general claim filing deadline of July 11, 1997, shall also apply to those claims subject to evaluation by the Association for purposes of Section 107.26 of the Code.

(b) The mailing by the Liquidator of a notice of the claim filing deadline and of the claim filing procedures applicable to claims potentially within the authority of the Association, such notices being prepared by the Association in cooperation with the Liquidator, to those persons, companies and entities which Geneva's books and records reveal have, or may have, claims against Geneva potentially subject to evaluation by the Association, shall satisfy the requirement for notice to potential claimants by the Association under Section 107.26 of the Code.

(c) Receipt by the Liquidator of claims filed by persons, companies and entities that may have claims against Geneva potentially subject to evaluation by the Association, will constitute effective filing of such claims for purposes of Section 107.26 of the Code.

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v.

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ORDER

THIS MATTER HAVING COME ON TO BE HEARD before the Court upon the Petition of the Liquidator for the entry of an order approving the Amendment of a certain loan transaction and for reconsideration of the Court's July 10, 1997 Order regarding the Liquidator's petition to extend the claims filing deadline, due notice having been given, the Court having jurisdiction over the parties hereto and the subject matter hereof, the Court having heard the arguments of counsel thereon, and the Court having been fully advised in the premises;

IT IS ORDERED:

1. That the First Amendment to that certain loan and Security Agreement attached to the liquidator's instant petition be and the same is hereby approved.
2. That the extension of the Claim Filing Deadline, as set forth in the Liquidator's instant petition, and the Association's determination date extension is hereby granted.
3. That the Liquidator's petition for reconsideration is hereby granted.

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