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SUPERIOR COURT, STATE OF CALIFORNIA
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LEONARD NORMAN COHEN, an individual; LEONARD COHEN INVESTMENTS, LLC, a Delaware Limited Liability Company,

Plaintiff,

v.

KELLEY A. LYNCH, an individual; RICHARD A. WESTIN, an individual; DOES 1 through 50, inclusive,

Defendants.

CASE NO. BC338322

COMPLAINT FOR:

- (1) BREACHES OF FIDUCIARY DUTY;
- (2) COMMON LAW FRAUD;
- (3) BREACH OF CONTRACT;
- (4) ACCOUNTING;
- (5) CONVERSION;
- (6) IMPOSITION OF CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF; AND
- (7) PROFESSIONAL NEGLIGENCE

DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

1 Plaintiffs Leonard Norman Cohen (“Cohen”) and Leonard Cohen Investments, LLC
2 (“LCI LLC”) (individually or collectively, “Cohen” or “Plaintiff”) for their complaint (the
3 “Complaint”) against Defendants Kelley A. Lynch, Richard A. Westin and Does 1-50
4 (collectively “Defendants”) allege as follows:

5 **SUMMARY OF THE COMPLAINT**

6 1. Cohen is an accomplished poet, novelist, recording artist and musician with a
7 successful career spanning nearly four decades. His first album “Songs of Leonard Cohen”
8 was recorded in 1967, which was followed by thirteen more albums. Cohen’s latest album,
9 “Dear Heather” was released in 2004. His stature in the music industry is legendary. Many
10 recording artists have recorded their own version of Cohen’s songs in tribute and many artists
11 consider Cohen an important influence in their musical careers. Cohen still enjoys substantial
12 popularity and critical acclaim. His music and writings reach an extensive audience
13 throughout North America, including his native Canada, as well as Europe and Asia.

14 2. This civil action is another case of a tragedy that has become all too familiar in
15 the music industry – a business manager and professional advisers exploit an immensely
16 talented artist’s loyalty and trust through greed, self-dealing, concealment, knowing
17 misrepresentation and reckless disregard for professional fiduciary duties. As a result of
18 Defendants’ misconduct, Cohen has lost millions of dollars, including most of his retirement
19 savings.

20 3. Kelley Lynch was Cohen’s business manager for approximately seventeen
21 years until he fired her for cause in October 2004. Cohen fired Lynch upon his discovery that
22 she had been siphoning monies from his personal bank and investment accounts substantially
23 in excess of the 15% management compensation to which she was entitled. A preliminary
24 analysis shows that Lynch has wrongfully taken approximately over \$5 million of Cohen’s
25 earnings over approximately seven years. When confronted by Cohen, Lynch admitted to
26 having taken “millions” because she had “got in over her head.” However, Lynch has
27 wrongfully refused and continues to wrongfully refuse Cohen’s requests for an accounting.
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1 4. Lynch gained control of Cohen's financial affairs through a long process of
2 carefully cultivated trust. When Cohen's former business manager died in 1988, Cohen
3 turned to Lynch because, as his former business manager's assistant, she had gained valuable
4 institutional knowledge of Cohen's business affairs and intricate recording contracts. During
5 the ensuing years, Cohen gained respect for her capability and developed an abiding trust.
6 Cohen relied on Lynch to handle his business and financial affairs so that he could focus upon
7 his recording career and his creative life.

8 5. In late 1994, after completing a successful tour following his album release in
9 1993, Cohen decided to spend some time at the Mount Baldy Zen Center in Los Angeles,
10 California. Cohen remained there for nearly five years leading a life of rigorous religious
11 discipline. Cohen left the Zen Center in January 1999.

12 6. After nearly thirty years in the music industry, Cohen could afford to take a few
13 years off to lead a quiet spiritual life away from the mainstream. Given his modest lifestyle,
14 Cohen reasonably expected royalties from his song copyrights and records should have been
15 sufficient to support him during his retirement years. Cohen had three royalty producing
16 assets:

- 17 • Leonard Cohen Stranger Music, Inc. ("LCSMI"), a music publishing company
18 that owned the copyrights to his substantial song catalogue;
- 19 • Artist royalties ("Artist Royalties") payable pursuant to his Recording
20 Agreement with Sony Music dated 1967, as amended;
- 21 • Writer's royalties ("Writer's Royalties") Cohen received from the public
22 performance of his songs, payable pursuant to Cohen's Writer's Agreement
23 with LCSMI, pursuant to which he earned the customary writer's share (50%)
24 of mechanical and performance royalties.

25 7. During the Mount Baldy years, Cohen voluntarily elected to reduce his income
26 by foregoing touring and new albums. Lynch did not accept a corresponding decline in her
27 income. Instead, without Cohen's knowledge or consent, she began paying herself a greater
28 portion of Cohen's royalties than she was entitled to receive.

1 8. Lynch also initiated a second strategy to supplement her income. She
2 introduced Cohen to her friend Neal Greenberg, an investment advisor and founding principal
3 of Agile Group, to propose that Cohen transfer his investments from Dean Witter (now
4 Morgan Stanley) to Greenberg's firm. Greenberg introduced Cohen to Richard Westin, a tax
5 professor and tax lawyer. Lynch then worked with Greenberg and Westin to begin plotting
6 the sale of Cohen's income producing royalty assets for her own benefit and to Cohen's
7 detriment.

8 9. With the help of Greenberg and Westin, and under the guise of "saving taxes"
9 and "estate planning" for the benefit of Cohen's two children, she orchestrated the sale of
10 Cohen's music publishing company in 1997 (the "1997 Sale") and his Artist Royalties in
11 2001 (the "2001 Sale") for a combined total of over \$12 million, ostensibly to fund Cohen's
12 retirement. Also, with the help of Greenberg and Westin, and the complex transactions
13 invented by them, she retained control of almost all of the royalty sale proceeds.

14 10. Cohen believed that he had hired Westin and Greenberg to protect his
15 retirement savings, but in fact, they burdened the sales with transactions costs in excess of
16 \$4 million, and they devised unnecessarily complex corporate structures that allowed Lynch
17 to steal over \$5 million for her own benefit without Cohen's knowledge or consent.

18 11. Lynch, Westin and Greenberg only belatedly informed Cohen of the transaction
19 costs related to these sales. When the issue arose one year after the 2001 Sale, they concealed
20 the full extent of the costs. They also failed to advise Cohen that Lynch controlled all of his
21 retirement savings to such an extent that she could withdraw funds as she pleased from
22 Cohen's accounts managed by Greenberg.

23 12. Cohen only learned that Lynch had converted almost all of his retirement
24 savings for her own benefit when he was approached by an informant working in Lynch's
25 management company known as Stranger Management. In mid-October 2004, the informant
26 advised Cohen's daughter that Lynch had a complex scheme to hide the fact that she had
27 misappropriated almost all of Cohen's retirement savings.

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1 13. In response to the informant's allegations, Cohen began his own direct review
2 of his financial affairs in October 2004. Upon discovery of irregularities in his bank accounts
3 at City National Bank ("CNB"), he terminated Lynch and removed Lynch from any control
4 of his accounts. Lynch initially feigned cooperation, while immediately attempting and
5 ultimately succeeding in a last minute raid of accounts over which she had control.

6 14. Cohen also contacted Westin and Greenberg in the hope of verifying that the
7 funds under Greenberg's management were still intact. Greenberg refused to discuss the
8 accounts except to say that Westin had placed Cohen's retirement savings in a legal structure
9 over which Lynch had complete control and to refer Cohen to Westin. When Cohen
10 challenged Westin as to how this could have happened, Westin acknowledged that he had
11 never fully explained the transaction to Cohen and then sent Cohen a belated written
12 explanation. Cohen ultimately learned that of the \$5 million under Greenberg's management,
13 only \$150,000 remained.

14 15. Only by the end of January 2005 did Cohen realize that Lynch's
15 misappropriations of millions of dollars had been facilitated, and even enabled, by and
16 through Westin's and Greenberg's negligently complicitous conduct. Once the
17 communications among Greenberg, Lynch and Westin were examined, it became clear that,
18 as Lynch was raiding Cohen's till, both Greenberg and Westin chose to disregard their
19 respective professional fiduciary duties to Cohen. They both looked the other way, and in
20 some cases covered up her actions, as Lynch took millions of dollars of Cohen's money.

21 16. Through the misrepresentations made by Defendants, Cohen believed that the
22 1997 Sale and the 2001 Sale were financially necessary. The fact is that Cohen's royalties
23 were ample to support his modest lifestyle. Lynch concealed the amount of Cohen's royalties
24 and her misappropriation of those royalties, thereby creating a sense of urgency to sell assets.
25 The sales of Cohen's intellectual property assets were only required to facilitate Lynch's
26 access to Cohen's funds and to generate large transactions fees for professionals.

27 17. By this lawsuit, Cohen seeks a full accounting from Lynch so that Cohen may
28 determine the extent and magnitude of Lynch's misappropriation of Cohen's monies; the

1 restitution of the millions of dollars wrongfully taken from him by Lynch; and the return of
2 Cohen's business and legal records wrongfully withheld from him by Lynch.

3 18. This lawsuit also seeks to hold Westin liable for his professional negligence in
4 his representation of Cohen. Westin's nearly nine-year legal advisory relationship with Cohen
5 was rife with undisclosed conflicting professional loyalties in Westin's simultaneous
6 representation of Cohen, Lynch, and the various legal entities Westin formed on Cohen's
7 behalf. Westin concurrently represented both Cohen and Lynch in several transactions
8 without full disclosure or informed consent, when their respective interests as Artist and
9 business manager in such transactions were clearly conflicted. These transactions were to the
10 substantial detriment of one of Westin's clients, Cohen, and in substantial favor of his other
11 concurrent client, Lynch. Westin also drafted corporate organizational documents that were
12 favorable to Lynch's interests, rather than Cohen's, and gave Lynch extraordinary control
13 over Cohen's assets in a retirement vehicle established for Cohen's benefit but inexplicably
14 99.5% owned by Lynch. Additionally, Westin, a tax professor, failed to monitor the financial
15 conditions of the various corporate entities he formed for Cohen. By preparing and filing tax
16 returns for Cohen's various corporate entities, Westin had actual knowledge of Lynch's
17 misconduct and misappropriations. As Cohen's legal advisor, Westin had a duty to zealously
18 guard and protect Cohen's interests, and by failing to inform Cohen of Lynch's misconduct,
19 breached his duty to Cohen.

20 THE PARTIES

21 19. Plaintiff Leonard N. Cohen currently lives in Los Angeles, California.

22 20. Plaintiff Leonard Cohen Investments, LLC is a Delaware Limited Liability
23 Company wholly owned by Leonard N. Cohen.

24 21. Defendant Richard A. Westin, Esq., a tax professor at the University of
25 Kentucky, College of Law and a lawyer, is a resident of Kentucky. Westin is a member of
26 the State Bars of California, Kentucky and Texas.

**Lynch Becomes Cohen's Business Manager and Selects Greenberg
and Westin as Cohen's Financial and Legal Advisers**

27. Upon the death of Machat, Lynch began working for Cohen as his personal assistant. Gradually, Lynch came to oversee more and more aspects of Cohen's career, including Cohen's financial affairs, fully assuming the role as Cohen's business manager.

28. There was no written management agreement between Cohen and Lynch, but rather an oral agreement whereby Lynch was paid 10% of Cohen's gross earnings until approximately 1997. In 1998, and continuing until Lynch's dismissal for cause by Cohen in October 2004, Cohen and Lynch agreed that Lynch's management fees were 15% of gross earnings. Lynch formalized the management relationship with Cohen by incorporating her management business d/b/a Stranger Management, Inc., a company believed to be wholly owned by Lynch.

29. Sometime in the early 1990's, Lynch's parents, John "Jack" and Joan Lynch moved from Pennsylvania to California. Lynch employed both of them at Stranger Management to assist her in management duties performed for Cohen in various capacities. John Lynch was employed as a bookkeeper and Cohen paid his salary of \$360/week. Lynch's father maintained a general accounting ledger for Cohen's various accounts. He also prepared bank deposit slips when Cohen's royalty checks were received from the Society of Composers, Authors, and Music Publishers of Canada ("SOCAN") and wrote all Stranger Management checks. He also wrote checks drawn against Cohen's personal bank accounts at City National Bank to pay for Cohen's personal living expenses. Joan Lynch assisted in the day-to-day office tasks of Stranger Management. Additionally, Joan Lynch was listed as a contact person, along with Kelley Lynch at City National Bank, where Cohen kept his personal and business accounts, to initiate wire transfers as well as confirm their receipt into Cohen's accounts.

30. With Cohen at the Mount Baldy Zen Center and her parents handling all Cohen's bookkeeping, Lynch concealed from Cohen both the extent of his royalty income as well as her payment to herself of more than the 10% of Cohen's income to which she was

1 entitled. Through concealment and conversion, she created the impression that Cohen had
2 inadequate income, and gave him the impression that he needed to sell assets.

3 31. In furtherance of her goal of taking total control of Cohen's finances, she
4 introduced Cohen to Neal Greenberg, a money manager and her long time friend. Greenberg
5 in turn introduced Lynch and Cohen to his tax lawyer, Richard Westin. Lynch and Greenberg
6 convinced Cohen to move his investment portfolio from Dean Witter to Neal Greenberg's
7 Colorado based firm. Lynch and Greenberg assured Cohen that Greenberg's investment
8 strategy was much safer than the Dean Witter strategy of investing in publicly traded stocks
9 and bonds.

10 **1997 Sale of Music Publishing Assets Through Stock Sale of**
11 **Leonard Cohen Stranger Music, Inc.**

12 32. With advice from Greenberg and Westin, Lynch encouraged Cohen in 1996 to
13 sell his music publishing to Sony. Cohen's extensive music publishing catalogue, as it
14 existed in 1996, consisted of 127 songs, including "Suzanne", "Bird On a Wire" and
15 "Hallelujah." Cohen held his copyrights to his song catalogue in Leonard Cohen Stranger
16 Music, Inc. ("LCMSI"), a New York corporation formed in 1967 which was set up to hold
17 Cohen's mechanical and performance royalty income derived from Cohen's copyrights.
18 LCMSI was wholly owned by Cohen. In anticipation of the sale, additional shares of LCMSI
19 were issued to the Cohen Family Charitable Remainder Trust (the "Cohen Family CRT"), the
20 Sabbath Day Charitable Remainder Trust (the "Sabbath Day CRT") and the Mount Baldy
21 Zen Center. Sony/ATV Music Publishing Acquisition, Inc. closed the purchase of LCMSI in
22 July 1997 pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "1997 Sale").

23 33. The sale of Cohen's copyrights in his song catalogue was a fairly straight
24 forward transaction in that it involved an asset (copyrights) that qualified for capital gains
25 treatment when sold.

26 34. Once the sale was completed in July 1997, Lynch received a large commission
27 check on the sale proceeds.

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1 35. The remaining 1997 Sale proceeds were used to fund two charitable remainder
2 trusts, the Cohen Family CRT and the Sabbath Day CRT. Cohen also received proceeds from
3 the sale as a LCSMI shareholder and also invested these funds with Greenberg. On closing of
4 this sale, Greenberg and the Agile Group had the Cohen Family CRT, the Sabbath Day CRT,
5 and all of Cohen's personal investment accounts under management.

6 **1998-2000 Failed Attempts to Structure a Sale of Artist Royalties**
7 **and Other Copyrights as Stock Sale**

8 36. Notwithstanding her large commission on the 1997 Sale, Lynch continued her
9 practice of concealing from Cohen the amount of royalties he was receiving. Lynch also
10 continued to take monies at will without Cohen's knowledge or consent from his personal
11 checking accounts, thereby furthering a false impression in Cohen's mind that he was always
12 low on funds.

13 37. Also in 1997, Lynch started her own wholesale greeting card business,
14 "Amazing Card Co," subsequently incorporated as Amazing Card Company, LLC, a
15 California limited liability company, in August 2001. On information and belief, Lynch used
16 the greeting card business as a cover to hide her wrongful conversion of Cohen's royalties
17 and investments. This cover allowed her to claim that she paid for an ever more extravagant
18 lifestyle with profits from her greeting card business. In fact, she was improperly
19 withdrawing funds from Cohen's banking and investment accounts, well in excess of the 15%
20 management fees which Cohen had by then agreed to pay.

21 38. Shortly after selling Cohen's music publishing company, forming her own
22 greeting card business, and while Cohen was still on Mount Baldy, Lynch initiated a new
23 project. She began to orchestrate the transfer of Cohen's remaining intellectual properties
24 into a corporate entity for another possible stock sale.

25 39. Lynch again enlisted Westin and Greenberg to provide legal and financial
26 planning for this sale. After Cohen's advisers debated the relative merits of forming
27 corporations in various states, including Nevada, to expedite the transfer and the subsequent
28 sale of assets, Westin recommended transferring all of Cohen's remaining intellectual

1 property assets to an already existing corporate entity. Westin suggested using Blue Mist
2 Touring Company, Inc. ("Blue Mist"), a corporate entity wholly owned by Cohen. Blue Mist
3 was formed in Delaware in March 1993.

4 40. The planned attempted transfer of the entirety of Cohen's intellectual properties
5 into Blue Mist began in earnest in January 1998. At Lynch's behest, Westin drafted
6 corporate minutes of a special meeting of the directors of Blue Mist "to accept a transfer of
7 intellectual property from shareholder Leonard Cohen under IRC §118" and sent these draft
8 minutes to Lynch noting on the fax coversheet "I am pushing like this because Neal
9 [Greenberg] says you want the transfer done expeditiously." In May 1998, Lynch requested
10 that Westin prepare the "transfer documents (assignments) and three separate sets of minutes"
11 in anticipation of the transfer into Blue Mist and the subsequent sale through the sale of Blue
12 Mist stock of ("Blue Mist Transaction") all of Cohen's intellectual property assets.

13 41. Without consulting Cohen, Westin complied with Lynch's request on June 1,
14 1998 by drafting and providing Lynch a Waiver of Notice for a Special Meeting, the minutes
15 of a Special Meeting, and the proposed assignments for 1) the Writer's Share; 2) the
16 Performer's share; and 3) copyrights to Cohen's eleven published books. Westin also
17 provided Lynch a draft Stock Purchase Agreement.

18 42. During the course of the Blue Mist Transaction, Lynch asked if she could pay
19 capital gains taxes on her commission. In furtherance of this end, and without adequate
20 consultation with Cohen, Westin proposed that Lynch be issued a 15% interest in Blue Mist
21 stock. In March of 1999, Westin cancelled Cohen's sole ownership of the total outstanding
22 shares (five hundred (500) shares) in Blue Mist and issued Lynch seventy-five shares of Blue
23 Mist, which represented a 15% equity interest. The corporate minutes for the stock issuance
24 drafted by Westin indicate that Lynch's 75 shares were issued to Lynch "as compensation for
25 her services to the Corporation, with great gratitude for her efforts."

26 43. Various attempts were made to assign and transfer Cohen's interests in his
27 Writer's Royalties, Artist Royalties and Master Recordings of 1979, 1988, and 1993 Live
28 Performances into Blue Mist. An "Assignment, Assumption and Consent Agreement" for

1 Cohen's Writer's Share of Performance Income received from SOCAN was signed by Cohen
2 as Assignor and President of Blue Mist and dated December 29, 1999. Similarly,
3 assignments were executed by Cohen for Artist's Record Royalty rights on December 29,
4 1999 and the Master Tapes of 1979, 1988, and 1993 Live Performances on December 28,
5 1998.

6 44. Apparently while Lynch and Westin were still working on their joint project of
7 attempting to transfer Cohen's remaining intellectual property assets to Blue Mist, SOCAN
8 refused to agree to pay Cohen's performance royalties to a company not wholly owned by a
9 member artist. Accordingly, in furtherance of the plan to control all of Cohen's royalties,
10 either Lynch or Westin suggested the formation of a new entity, Leonard Cohen Investments,
11 LLC ("LCI LLC"). LCI LLC was formed as a sole member (with Cohen owning 100%
12 interest) Delaware limited liability company on October 19, 1999. Once LCI LLC was
13 formed, SOCAN was instructed to pay Cohen's performance royalties directly to LCI LLC.

14 45. In September 2000, Westin advised Lynch of the need to "know what the
15 'inventory' of Blue Mist is so far, meaning the assets it holds." Nearly a year after the
16 assignments into Blue Mist were executed by Cohen, Westin drafted and faxed Lynch
17 "Special Meeting Minutes of the Board of Directors of Blue Mist Touring, Inc." ostensibly
18 approving these assignments into Blue Mist. Westin instructed Lynch to sign them and
19 "insert in minutes in chronological order" [in the Blue Mist corporate binder]. These special
20 meeting minutes drafted by Westin nearly a year after Cohen executed the assignments,
21 purport to constitute valid corporate action of accepting the transfer of these properties into
22 Blue Mist. Westin did not discuss these minutes with Cohen.

23 46. The proposed Blue Mist Transaction was never consummated and was
24 ultimately abandoned after Sony advised Westin in mid-2000 that it would not proceed with
25 the Artist's Royalty sale using Blue Mist as a vehicle for a stock purchase. Following this
26 decision by Sony, Greenberg contacted Westin and insisted that Westin go back to the
27 drawing board and devise an alternate structure for the Artist Royalty sale. Lynch, acting on
28 the advice of Westin, conceded that the Blue Mist asset transfers were not valid.

1 47. Notwithstanding the abandonment of the Blue Mist Transaction, certain royalty
2 revenues, as much as \$250,000, were deposited into Blue Mist. Lynch never accounted to
3 Cohen with respect to the \$250,000 of “inadvertently” deposited royalties into Blue Mist. On
4 information and belief, Lynch converted these royalties for her own benefit, fully aware that
5 these royalties were Cohen’s property.

6 48. Further, when the Blue Mist Transaction was abandoned, Westin did not
7 properly rescind the assignment agreements before engaging in subsequent asset transfers and
8 transactions involving the same musical properties. Westin failed to properly “unwind” the
9 steps taken toward completion of the Blue Mist Transaction. As a result of Westin’s failure,
10 Lynch has asserted claims as to ownership of 15% of Cohen’s remaining intellectual property
11 assets.

12 **Private Annuity Transaction for Sale of Cohen’s Artist Royalties**

13 49. At Greenberg and Lynch’s urging, Westin devised a complex and unusual
14 scheme and presented his initial proposal in a faxed memo addressed solely to Cohen on
15 November 19, 2000. Westin’s proposal called for Cohen to transfer his interest in his Artist
16 Royalties to an entity (Westin initially proposed using a trust) in exchange for a private
17 annuity, which would fund Cohen’s retirement years. The entity would then sell the Artist
18 Royalties to Sony, and the entity would receive the proceeds from the sale. The entity would
19 then invest and use the sales proceeds to fund future annuity payments to Cohen. Westin
20 asserted that Cohen would incur no tax liability on the sale of the Artist Royalties to Sony and
21 that the sale would allow the tax free transfer of any remaining funds (after payment of the
22 private annuity) to Cohen’s children on his death. Cohen’s primary concerns with Westin’s
23 proposal were that any plan Westin and Greenberg devised be both legal and safe. Cohen
24 asked for a legal opinion from Westin, who delivered such an opinion.

25 50. Private annuities as an estate planning device are well established in the tax
26 laws and allow the transfer of income producing assets from one generation to the next
27 without incurring estate taxes.

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1 51. Westin initially proposed to use this same principle in the transfer of Cohen's
2 Artist Royalties from Cohen to his two adult children, Adam and Lorca. Westin proposed
3 that Cohen transfer his Artist Royalties to a trust, the standard vehicle in such transactions, in
4 return for a \$4.89 million private annuity. Westin proposed as a next step that the trust sell
5 the Artist Royalties to Sony for the discounted present value of \$8 million. Westin's plan
6 resulted in the payment of almost \$3 million in transactions costs, including 15% of
7 \$8 million to Lynch as management fees and commissions, as well as legal and consulting
8 fees. Westin's plan also resulted in significant income taxes related to a \$1 million advance
9 on the sale. The transactions costs and taxes were not explained to Cohen until long after the
10 transaction was concluded.

11 52. Westin proposed that a trust be established for the benefit of Cohen with
12 Cohen's children, Adam and Lorca, as the trustees. In Westin's November 19, 2000 letter
13 addressed solely to Cohen, Westin proposes:

14 You [Cohen] will sell the assets to a newly-formed company that Kelley
15 [Lynch] will control and have 1% of, but which your children will have large
16 stakes (totaling 99%) in...It is expected that your children will in a year's time
17 or so contribute part of their interests in the company I described to a trust,
18 which will give you further income.

19 With regard to Lynch's role, Westin's first proposal to Cohen provided that: "Kelley
20 would be able to control how much money is actually distributed from the company to the
21 children. You will be free to advise her on what your wishes are." Westin also cautioned:
22 "A manager will have to be appointed to make sure that money in the company is well-
23 managed in order that the company be able to make the payments called for by the private
24 annuity." Also in this letter, Westin advised:

25 Some caveats are in order. The structure is novel and must be put in place
26 before a contract [for the Artist Royalty sale] is entered into or is a sure thing.
27 Neal [Greenberg] and I think that the proposal works, but there are no
28 guarantees.

1 53. In a subsequent letter addressed to both Lynch and Cohen dated December 4,
2 2000, less than three weeks after Westin had first proposed the Private Annuity Transaction
3 concept to Cohen, Westin responded to e-mail inquiries, apparently from Lynch, that the
4 Cohen children need not be beneficiaries and that the Private Annuity Transaction can
5 exclude them. From Westin's initial correspondence to Cohen dated November 19, 2000 to
6 Westin's later letter sent December 4, 2000 to both Cohen and Lynch (and there is no
7 evidence that Cohen actually received this December 4, 2000 letter), Lynch's interest in this
8 new entity increased dramatically and inexplicably to 99.5% from the 1% interest that Westin
9 had first proposed to Cohen three weeks earlier.

10 54. Cohen was never informed by Westin that the structure implemented by Westin
11 in December 2000 differed from Westin's initial November 2000 proposal to Cohen in two
12 very significant ways. First, at Lynch's request, Westin made Lynch, Cohen's business
13 manager, a 99.5% owner of the limited liability company (the "LLC") (with Cohen owning
14 the remaining 0.5%) and wrote the two Cohen children, Adam and Lorca, out of the
15 transaction altogether. Second, Westin elected to use a LLC to manage Cohen's assets rather
16 than a trust.

17 55. In correspondence addressed solely to Lynch on December 6, 2000, Westin
18 wrote: "I am assuming you and Leonard have decided to go ahead with the deal Neal
19 [Greenberg] and I have proposed." In the same letter, Westin suggests next steps in
20 proceeding with the Private Annuity Transaction, including drafting and sending Lynch an
21 operating agreement for the new LLC and speaking with Ken [Cleveland – Cohen's former
22 CPA] "to try to come up with a final sales price [for the Artist Royalties]." Westin also
23 instructs Lynch to "sign the private annuity ASAP, even though the sales price number is
24 blank."

25 56. In early December 2000, Westin obtained powers of attorney in the formation
26 of Traditional Holdings LLC ("THLLC") from both Cohen, the Artist, and Lynch, the
27 business manager.
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1 57. Despite the fact that Cohen's and Lynch's interests were in actual conflict in the
2 formation of THLLC, Westin never informed Cohen of his conflicting professional loyalties
3 in representing both Cohen's and his business manager's (Lynch's) interests in the
4 transaction. Westin never obtained the required informed written consent and waiver to
5 represent both of them simultaneously.

6 58. After receiving the green light from Lynch to proceed, but without speaking
7 with Cohen or obtaining confirmation that Cohen understood the proposed transaction,
8 Westin drafted the corporate organizational documents of the proposed new entity,
9 Traditional Holdings, LLC, including the Articles of Organization and the Operating
10 Agreement. Westin filed the Articles of Organization of Traditional Holdings as a Kentucky
11 limited liability company in December 2000.

12 59. In December 2000, Westin also drafted Cohen's Private Annuity Agreement
13 and sent the agreement to Lynch for Cohen to sign. The Annuity Agreement, as drafted by
14 Westin, provided for monthly payouts to begin on the "fifth month of the 11th year following
15 the date this agreement is signed." The Annuity obligation therefore would not begin until
16 2011, when Cohen was 77 years old. Further, Cohen's Annuity Agreement provided that if
17 Cohen should die before 2011, the payment obligation would terminate and that "no heir,
18 legatee, creditor, or beneficiary of the estate of the Annuitant, nor the estate itself, shall have
19 any rights whatsoever under this Agreement." By making Lynch the 99.5% shareholder of
20 THLLC, instead of Cohen's children, Westin guaranteed that Lynch would own the
21 \$4.7 million in assets in THLLC outright if Cohen were to die before the annuity began
22 paying out in 2011. Cohen's children would have no right to claim these funds despite being
23 the beneficiaries of Cohen's estate under his will. Cohen had no knowledge that Westin's
24 plan resulted in the disinheritance of his children. Lynch and Westin concealed this fact from
25 Cohen simply by failing to explain how this complex transaction worked.

26 60. In April 2001, Sony Music International purchased Cohen's Artist Royalties
27 from Traditional Holdings pursuant to an Artist Royalty Buyout Agreement dated April 18,
28 2001 ("Sony Buyout Agreement").

1 61. Sony purchased Cohen's Artist Royalties from THLLC for \$8 million. Cohen
2 netted, after transactions costs and taxes, approximately \$4.7 million. Cohen's professional
3 advisers, Greenberg and Westin, in promoting the sale, never disclosed to Cohen that nearly
4 33% of the sale proceeds would be spent on taxes and transactions costs, which, on
5 information and belief as subject to final audit, included:

- 6 • \$1.2 million paid to Lynch in 2001 as her 15% management commission;
- 7 • \$350,000 in legal fees for negotiation of the sale on behalf of Cohen with Sony;
- 8 • \$350,000 to consultants for providing the historical royalty analysis used in
9 calculating the Artist Royalty sale price;
- 10 • \$500,000 for federal income taxes and penalties due on Sony's \$1 million
11 advance paid on the sale in 1999;
- 12 • \$100,000 to Westin for legal fees; and
- 13 • \$200,000 for a failed transaction leading to the 2001 sale.

14 62. From the outset, Westin and Greenberg knew that the Private Annuity structure
15 put Cohen's retirement money at great risk of loss through misappropriation by Lynch.
16 Westin even acknowledged that "a manager will have to be appointed to make sure that
17 money in the company is well-managed in order that the company be able to make payments
18 called for by the private annuity." Cohen's professional investment and legal advisers,
19 Greenberg and Westin, failed to disclose to Cohen the significant risks involved in the Private
20 Annuity Transaction, including but not limited to:

- 21 (1) the abrupt shift in ownership of THLLC from Cohen's children to Lynch, who
22 mysteriously and inexplicably obtained a 99.5% ownership interest instead of
23 the Cohen children;
- 24 (2) the delayed (10 year) payout obligation of the annuity, which was not to begin
25 paying Cohen an annuity income until the 5th month of the 11th year following
26 the execution of the Private Annuity Agreement by Cohen, or until sometime in
27 2011, when Cohen would be 77 years old;

1 (3) the risks involved if Cohen were to die before the annuity obligation payout
2 period began with Lynch as the 99.5% shareholder of THLLC; and the highly
3 unusual role that Lynch, Cohen's business manager assumed in the transaction,
4 which would expose Cohen to significant gift tax liability, if the IRS collapsed
5 the structure due to Lynch's withdrawal of funds from THLLC for her own use
6 and benefit.

7 (4) the absence of controls limiting Lynch's use of the funds and the legal effect of
8 Lynch's 99.5% ownership of THLLC.

9 63. None of these risks was explained to Cohen before the transaction was
10 consummated. Had Cohen been fully and accurately informed by his professional licensed
11 advisers, Greenberg and Westin, Cohen would not have agreed to the transaction as it was
12 implemented. Cohen at all times believed that the Private Annuity Transaction would be
13 structured so that his children would be the beneficiaries of his estate and that the funds
14 would be invested in safe securities designed for the long-term preservation of capital.

15 64. When Cohen began questioning the transactions costs associated with the
16 Private Annuity Transaction in 2002, Westin, Greenberg and Lynch began a three month
17 effort to rationalize the transaction and conceal the true costs and risks. As part of this self-
18 serving strategy of concealment, Westin rationalized Lynch's involvement in the Private
19 Annuity Transaction in a letter to Cohen dated March 6, 2002 by saying that:

20 Kelley [Lynch] had to be brought in, and agreed to do so in order to help you,
21 because you needed a third party's involvement so that the IRS does not view
22 this transaction as your selling something to yourself. This third party should
23 not be a relative of yours and therefore Kelley was selected.

24 65. Westin, Greenberg and Lynch concealed from Cohen the true extent of their
25 support for Lynch. They congratulated one another on their joint efforts to "save taxes" and
26 devise an excellent "estate planning" solution. They never told Cohen that the transactions
27 costs on the deal were about equal to income taxes that would have been due on simple sale
28 of the Artist Royalties to Sony. They also never told Cohen that their "estate planning"

1 vehicle for the benefit of Cohen's children effectively wrote the children out of the
2 transaction. Westin did not explain the structure to Cohen until November 2004, after
3 Lynch's malfeasance had been discovered.

4 66. Greenberg and Agile Group took the \$4.7 million sale proceeds under
5 management for Cohen shortly after Sony made the final payment in April 2001.

6 67. In December 2001, a year after filing the Articles of Organization for THLLC,
7 Westin drafted a Management Agreement which appointed Lynch sole manager of THLLC.
8 Westin's Management Agreement between Lynch and THLLC was sloppily drafted on an
9 inappropriate form which appeared intended for use by managers of residential properties.
10 The Agreement includes references to Manager "maintain[ing] the grounds of the Properties
11 in accordance with standards acceptable to Owner, including cleaning, painting, plumbing,
12 carpentry, and such other normal maintenance work" rather than musical properties.

13 68. Additionally, the Management Agreement contained inconsistent provisions
14 regarding Lynch's compensation as Manager of THLLC. Paragraph 6, provides that Lynch's
15 compensation is "\$20,000 per month", while paragraph 15 provides that "Manager's
16 Compensation is given as \$20,000 per year, payable June 30 and December 31." Seizing on
17 this inconsistency, Lynch now contends that these provisions entitled her to \$240,000 per
18 year in management compensation. Westin admitted to Cohen by e-mail in November 2004
19 that the Management Agreement was to provide Lynch only \$20,000 per year.

20 Lynch Begins Stealing From THLLC

21 69. After being appointed sole manager of THLLC by virtue of Westin's
22 Management Agreement in December 2001, Lynch, in furtherance of her desire for control
23 over all of Cohen's financial assets, procured from Cohen a very broad Power of Attorney to
24 act on Cohen's behalf in January 2002 ("Lynch POA"). Lynch promoted the idea of the POA
25 to Cohen because Cohen was planning a three month trip to India. Lynch's POA was
26 witnessed by Lynch's parents, John and Joan Lynch, then living in a three bedroom condo in
27 Pacific Palisades, California, purchased by Lynch in 2001.

1 70. One month after the Lynch POA, Lynch and Greenberg executed a new
2 investment advisory agreement, without notice to or consultation with Cohen. Lynch
3 executed both an Investment Advisory and Financial Planning Agreement with Greenberg,
4 which jointly listed “Kelley Lynch and Leonard Cohen” as “Client.”

5 71. As a direct consequence of the power and authority that Westin gave Lynch
6 through ownership and management of THLLC, Lynch began withdrawing funds in THLLC
7 for her own benefit. She proceeded to tap Cohen’s savings in THLLC through what she
8 called and Westin approved as “shareholder loans.” In 2002 she made a series of small loans
9 that were approved by Westin and Greenberg but were unknown to Cohen.

10 72. Beginning in early 2003, Lynch’s withdrawal requests from the THLLC
11 account increased in both frequency and magnitude. In 2003, unbeknownst to Cohen, Lynch
12 withdrew over \$1.1 million from the THLLC investment account, averaging \$88,000 per
13 month. In 2004, Lynch continued to make extraordinary withdrawal requests of Agile from
14 the THLLC account, and withdrew a total of nearly \$1.3 million through the end of October
15 2004, averaging \$108,000 per month.

16 73. All tolled, “shareholder loan” withdrawals dissipated the invested funds in the
17 THLLC investment accounts from a starting value of \$4.7 million in December 2001, to a
18 little under \$150,000 by October 2004. Cohen, in February 2002, withdrew \$592,000 as a
19 “shareholder loan” from the THLLC investment account for various real estate purchases
20 Cohen made on behalf of his family. The majority of the remainder of the “shareholder
21 loans” withdrawn from the THLLC investment accounts, approximately \$3.5 million, was
22 withdrawn by Lynch, without Cohen’s knowledge or consent. Over nearly a three-year
23 period, by withdrawing millions of undocumented “shareholder loans,” Lynch changed the
24 composition of 97% of the THLLC investment portfolio from profit-earning and interest
25 bearing securities to valueless “shareholder loans” she made to herself.

26 74. Lynch even withdrew a \$15,000 “shareholder loan” for her benefit from the
27 THLLC investment account on October 27, 2004, after Cohen had instructed Agile
28 unequivocally through e-mails sent October 21 and 22, 2004 that Lynch no longer

1 represented him as his business manager and not to respond to any of her instructions
2 regarding his investment accounts.

3 75. Lynch also instructed Agile not to inform Cohen of the shareholder loans she
4 was taking out. Throughout the period of Agile's management of the THLLC accounts,
5 Greenberg and Agile sent Cohen monthly "portfolio performance" e-mails summarizing the
6 withdrawals from the accounts and stating the value of Cohen's investment accounts.

7 76. Lynch conspired with Agile to mislead Cohen through specific instructions for
8 Agile to delete any reference to her loans from the THLLC accounts in Agile's monthly e-
9 mails sent to Cohen. In an e-mail to Greenberg from Lynch on January 23, 2003, Lynch
10 advises Greenberg:

11 I need to borrow \$100,000 from TH as well. I made \$28,000 from Leonard last
12 year and when he is back [from traveling in India] we will negotiate something
13 because he has basically retired. I know I have taken another loan this year and
14 both of these must stay on the statements as Shareholders Loans and not be
15 deducted when Leonard receives his e-mails...

16 Agile complied with Lynch's request to not report the shareholder loans taken by Lynch out
17 of the THLLC investment accounts in the monthly "portfolio performance" e-mails sent to
18 Cohen. As a result, monthly e-mail reports sent to Cohen by Agile at Lynch's instruction
19 were grossly misleading because they included the full amount of Lynch's loans (without
20 revealing the existence of those loans), even though the loans were unsecured and
21 undocumented.

22 **Agile Sends Cohen "Warning Letters" About Spending,**

23 **Are Intercepted by Lynch**

24 77. After Lynch withdrew over \$1.1 million from the THLLC investment account
25 in 2003, Agile sent a "warning letter" to Cohen and Lynch on January 16, 2004 at Lynch's
26 Stranger Management office address. The letter warned Cohen and Lynch that "you are
27 spending too much money...at this point, you only have an estimated \$2.1 MM left in capital
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1 in Traditional Holdings LLC. The rest consists of loans to you and Kelley.” Agile further
2 warned:

3 Considering how quickly you are spending money, I think you should consider
4 your situation quite desperate...at the rate funds are being withdrawn, you will
5 run out of money in a few years...The company [THLLC] would then be
6 impaired, and your future annuity contract could be jeopardized.

7 78. Agile never called or e-mailed Cohen directly to follow-up whether Cohen had
8 received these purported dire warnings despite the fact that Cohen had given Greenberg his
9 home phone number and knew that he was reachable by e-mail even when traveling. Rather,
10 Tim Barnett sent an e-mail to Lynch’s AOL account (without a copy to Cohen) on
11 February 3, 2004. In an e-mail with the subject line “Follow up to 1-16-04 letter,” Barnett
12 inquires of Lynch:

13 Neal and I just wanted to make sure you and Leonard received Neal’s letter of
14 January 16, 2004. Please let us know if you would like to arrange a meeting to
15 discuss things further with Leonard.

16 Lynch responded to Barnett by e-mail the same day, an hour later:

17 Yes, the letter was received and it is clear.

18 It was sent fedex so hopefully you have a record of its delivery...As of today,
19 Leonard is traveling and I do not know when he will be back.

20 79. As Cohen was traveling out of the country, Cohen never received this January
21 2004 warning letter, nor did Lynch apprise him of its contents. Notably, Lynch insinuated in
22 her response that Agile should keep a record of its FedEx delivery tracking number, so that
23 Agile could prove later that a warning letter was sent.

24 80. Even despite Agile’s warning in January 2004 to “make sure the loans from
25 Traditional Holdings, LLC are properly documented”, Lynch continued to withdraw
26 progressively larger amounts from the THLLC investment account as shareholder loans made
27 out to Lynch, without documentation and based upon her assurances to Agile that she would
28 provide signed promissory notes later.

1 81. Cohen is informed and believes that from January 2004, after Agile sent the
2 first warning letter, which Cohen never received, through June 2004, Lynch withdrew
3 approximately \$810,000 in fourteen "shareholder loans" from the THLLC account, thereby
4 prompting a second stern warning letter about spending down the invested funds in the
5 THLLC account. Agile sent such a letter on June 24, 2004, again addressed to Cohen at
6 Lynch's Stranger Management business address reporting that: "you are currently down to
7 \$845,539 in Traditional Holdings...you are spending approximately \$210,000 per month."

8 Agile further stated:

9 In our view, the way you [apparently Lynch] are directing us to do the financial
10 statements is quite incorrect. Your assets consist of the value of the private
11 annuity, not the value of assets in the company... We will continue to do the
12 statements as you direct, but we want to start sending you a more correct set of
13 statements,

14 Again, Lynch intercepted the letter and concealed it from Cohen.

15 82. While Lynch was Cohen's business manager, Lynch received on behalf of
16 Cohen monthly "hardcopy" financial reports of Cohen's accounts managed by Agile. As
17 Lynch received them at her Stranger Management business address, she never forwarded or
18 discussed their contents with Cohen.

19 83. In late June 2004, three days after the second dire warning letter was sent,
20 Lynch still had not provided Agile with signed promissory notes for any of the shareholder
21 loans from THLLC, but still reassured Neal Greenberg in an e-mail dated June 28, 2004 that
22 signed notes would be forthcoming:

23 all loans for 2001 and 2002 will be repaid with the Sony advance. ALL loans for
24 2003 and 2004 will be repaid with the Publishing sale [Cohen's Writer's
25 Royalty sale that was pending in 2004]. ALL loans have loan documents,
26 interest rate [sic], and have STRONG legal documentation that they are
27 loans...All loan docs have interest rate applied and the interest will be repaid.
28 All loans are for five years and will be paid well in advance of the five years.

1 84. In the same e-mail, Lynch announced a new fraudulent scheme to conceal her
2 improper loans from Cohen by replenishing funds from a new royalty sale transaction. Lynch
3 advises Greenberg that the shareholder loans withdrawn from THLLC will be repaid with
4 monies that Cohen expected to receive over the next few months, including the expected
5 \$7 million sale proceeds from the sale of Cohen's Writer's Royalties that Lynch had been
6 negotiating with several potential buyers. Greenberg responded to Lynch's e-mail
7 emphasizing the need to "keep things documented", but nevertheless continued to allow
8 Lynch to make further undocumented shareholder loans out of the THLLC account until
9 Lynch had dissipated the value in the account to less than \$150,000 in October 2004, when
10 Cohen discovered Lynch's misappropriations through an informant.

11 **Westin Fails to Perform Basic Duties As Counsel to**
12 **Traditional Holdings LLC and LC Investments LLC**

13 85. When Westin formed THLLC, he assumed the responsibility of tax advisor and
14 tax preparer for THLLC. THLLC was required to file federal and Kentucky state tax returns.
15 Westin failed to reflect the "shareholder loans" to Lynch and the interest on those loans on
16 THLLC federal returns. Westin never filed Kentucky state tax returns for THLLC. The
17 Kentucky Secretary of State administratively dissolved THLLC on November 8, 2004 for
18 failing to file annual reports for the years 2003 and 2004. In an e-mail to Cohen dated
19 December 10, 2004, Westin informs Cohen of THLLC's administrative dissolution:

20 Thanks to Kelley's neglect, TH was dissolved a month ago or so under KY
21 because she did not send in a signed piece of paper I sent her. It is not a
22 problem. I got the paperwork to reinstate it. I am mailing it to you today. I am
23 sending a check (\$15), a return envelope and a sheet of paper for you to sign.
24 Once reinstated, it will be deemed to have existed for tax purposes. No need for
25 any indigestion here.

26 Because Westin had not filed state tax returns for the years 2000-2004, however, THLLC
27 could not obtain a Certificate of good Standing from the Kentucky Revenue Cabinet, which is
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1 required for reinstatement. By allowing THLLC to be administratively dissolved, THLLC
2 remains in corporate "limbo", and until corporate tax returns are filed, it cannot be reinstated.

3 86. In a letter to Cohen drafted by Westin on March 6, 2002, Westin advised
4 Cohen: "All monies that you take from Traditional Holdings until 2011 need to be
5 documented as loans...It is important to have these 'loans' documented by notes." In
6 addition to his failure to prepare shareholder loan documents for THLLC, the draft
7 promissory notes that Westin did prepare and send to Lynch in May 2004 referenced "LC
8 Investments, LLC, a Delaware LLC" as "Holder" of the notes, rather than Traditional
9 Holdings, LLC.

10 87. Westin prepared LCI LLC's tax returns for the years 2001, 2002 and 2003.
11 Schedule K of Form 1120 of the 2001 LCI LLC federal tax return, prepared and filed by
12 Westin, indicated that the primary business activity of LCI LLC was to operate as a "royalty
13 company - collects and disburses royalties." Out of a 2001 reported royalty income of
14 \$708,414, management fees to Lynch at Stranger Management, were reported as \$459,088,
15 which represents 65% of Cohen's royalties received from SOCAN and Sony/ATV into LCI
16 LLC in 2001. Westin, by preparing and filing the tax return, knew that the percentage of
17 Cohen's royalty income received by Lynch as "Management Co. Fees" far exceeded Lynch's
18 15% commission arrangement with Cohen and that such a percentage was unconscionable for
19 management fees of an entity that merely received royalty income. Westin failed to take any
20 action to advise Cohen, his client, of the excessive fees taken by Lynch.

21 88. In an e-mail to Cohen dated November 18, 2004, in which he describes the
22 Private Annuity Transaction and the formation of THLLC, Westin noted: "I've owed you
23 this for a while...The plan was to have you and Kelley [Lynch] put the regular interests in the
24 LLC into a trust for the children starting next year. That would [have] take[n] her out of the
25 picture."

26 89. Westin sent Cohen a short cursory e-mail "formalizing" his resignation as
27 Cohen's attorney on April 23, 2005.
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FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Fiduciary Duty Against Lynch and Westin)

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3 90. Cohen repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
4 through 89, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

5 91. Defendants, due to their position as Cohen's attorney and business manager
6 with a power of attorney, acted as Plaintiffs' fiduciaries at all times herein mentioned.
7 Moreover, the Defendants utilized their professional and personal relationship with Cohen to
8 learn intimate details of Plaintiffs' physical, emotional, mental and financial condition.
9 Defendants utilized their position of trust and confidence to obtain the rights to proceed on
10 behalf of Cohen, control the assets of Cohen, as well as be responsible as the only vehicle of
11 information relating to the condition of Cohen's assets. Further, the Defendants both
12 individually and as a group accepted the compensated responsibility for advising Cohen in his
13 best interest and not adverse to his interest and to do so honestly and without deception.

14 92. After establishing a trust and fiduciary relationship of the highest order with
15 Cohen, the Defendants both negligently and intentionally breached that duty performing the
16 acts herein alleged which has resulted in actual damage being suffered by Cohen.

17 93. Cohen is informed and believes and based thereupon allege that the Defendants
18 breached and are breaching their fiduciary duties to Cohen as herein above alleged.

19 94. Cohen is informed and believes and thereon alleges that the Defendants
20 concealed or suppressed material facts Defendants, as Cohen's fiduciaries, were ethically and
21 legally required to disclose as herein above alleged.

22 95. Cohen is informed and believes and thereon alleges that as a proximate result of
23 Defendants' breach of their fiduciary duty to Cohen, Cohen has suffered damages in an
24 amount to be proven at trial.

25 96. Cohen is informed and believes and thereon alleges that Defendants, in
26 breaching their fiduciary duty, acted willfully and maliciously and with oppression, fraud and
27 malice, and with a conscious and reckless disregard for the rights of Cohen and with intent to
28 inflict emotional distress upon Cohen. As a result of Defendants' willful and intentionally

1 tortious conduct, Cohen is entitled to an award of exemplary or punitive damages in an
2 amount sufficient to make an example of and punish Defendants for their wrongful acts.

3 **SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **(Fraud Against Lynch for Misrepresentation and Non-Disclosure)**

5 97. Cohen repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
6 through 89, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

7 98. During Lynch's representation of Cohen as his business manager, Lynch
8 consistently misrepresented to Cohen the amount of royalty income Cohen received. By
9 Lynch's misrepresentation of Cohen's royalty income, Cohen was led to believe that his
10 income from these royalty sources was significantly lower than it actually was. For example,
11 Lynch failed to disclose and account to Cohen for approximately \$250,000 in royalties that
12 had been received into Blue Mist in 2001. Lynch also failed to notify Cohen that he had
13 received a \$91,000 Sony/ATV royalty check which had been deposited into a bank account at
14 CNB associated with LCI LLC in October 2004. Additionally, Lynch failed to disclose to
15 Cohen the numerous "shareholder loans" that she had been withdrawing from the THLLC
16 investment accounts managed by Agile Group. Because Lynch failed to disclose these
17 "loans" to Cohen and affirmatively instructed Agile Group not to disclose her loans to Cohen,
18 Cohen was falsely led to believe that the value of his investment accounts in THLLC was
19 substantially higher than it actually was.

20 99. Lynch's misrepresentations and omissions were made with the intent that
21 Cohen rely upon them.

22 100. Each statement or representation was known to Lynch to be false or untrue
23 when they were made to Cohen.

24 101. Cohen reasonably relied upon these misrepresentations made by Lynch.

25 102. Cohen has suffered losses in an amount to be proven at trial as a direct and
26 proximate result of the misrepresentations and omissions of Lynch.

27 103. The actions of Lynch were made with malice, fraud or oppression justifying an
28 award of exemplary and punitive damages.

1 **THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION**

2 **(Breach of Oral Contract Against Lynch)**

3 104. Cohen repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
4 through 89, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

5 105. Lynch's compensation agreement with Cohen in her capacity as business
6 manager was 10% of Cohen's gross earnings until approximately 1997. In 1998, and
7 continuing until Lynch's dismissal for cause by Cohen in October 2004, Lynch's agreed upon
8 management fees were 15% of gross earnings.

9 106. Lynch breached her oral employment agreement with Cohen by wrongfully
10 converting monies and assets of Cohen, over which she had control, in excess of the amount
11 she was entitled to under her oral employment agreement with Cohen.

12 **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

13 **(Accounting Against Lynch)**

14 107. Cohen repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
15 through 89, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

16 108. In her role as Cohen's business manager, Lynch controlled the investment,
17 possession and distribution of Cohen's funds, and all monies paid by Lynch to herself in
18 excess of authorized management fees. She also controlled the books and records of many of
19 Cohen's bank accounts, including those of THLLC and Blue Mist.

20 109. Lynch, as trustee and fiduciary, holds the property, money and records of
21 Cohen and has failed and refused to provide an accounting of millions of dollars that Lynch
22 paid to herself in excess of authorized management fees, and has refused to return to Cohen
23 the books and records of which she retain possession.

24 110. Due to Cohen's exclusion from exercising any control of management over
25 THLCC, Blue Mist and the other accounts containing Cohen's money, and due to Lynch's
26 failure to disclose the fact, nature or extent of the "loans" she took from these accounts, and
27 due to the complex nature of the accounts and contracts, it is impractical to ascertain a fixed
28 sum which is owed to Plaintiffs beyond the amount claimed herein above. Accordingly, the

1 full amount owed and becoming due to Cohen can only be determined pursuant to a full and
2 accurate accounting of the amounts improperly taken by Lynch.

3 **FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

4 **(Conversion Against Lynch)**

5 111. Cohen repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
6 through 89, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

7 112. Lynch as alleged herein above wrongfully took and converted to her possession
8 Cohen's money and property from the THLLC, Blue Mist and other personal accounts of
9 Cohen. Lynch separately, and in combination with Westin, used deceit and the position of
10 trust to simply take Cohen's property and money. A full accounting and return of the money
11 and property has been demanded by Cohen and was wrongfully refused by Lynch.

12 113. As a result, Cohen has suffered a loss in an amount to be proven at trial, but
13 which will be in excess of \$5 million.

14 **SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION**

15 **(Constructive Trust, Declaratory and Injunctive Relief Against**
16 **Lynch and Does 1-50)**

17 114. Cohen repeats and realleges each of the allegations contained in paragraphs 1
18 through 89, inclusive, as if fully set forth herein.

19 115. Cohen entrusted the management of his assets to Lynch and the relationship of
20 trust as well as the fiduciary relationship established between Cohen and Lynch has been and
21 continues to be breached by Lynch. Lynch holds the property of Cohen wrongfully taken
22 and/or transferred as constructive trustee for the benefit of Cohen

23 116. Lynch now refuses to return to Cohen the money she has improperly taken, or
24 the books and records relating to Cohen's assets, and refuses to render an accounting as to his
25 property. Lynch further contends that she is the rightful owner of 99.5% of the assets of
26 THLLC, that she had the right to take the "loans" she took, and that Cohen actually owes her
27 money for services rendered, among other things.

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1 121. As alleged above, prior to October 2004, Cohen was completely unaware of the
2 negligence of the Defendants, and each of them. Further that any knowledge, constructive or
3 otherwise, did not cause the action to accrue due to continued representation on the subject of
4 the negligence, as well as active concealment by the Defendants, until October 2004 as to
5 Lynch and April 2005 as to Westin, when he resigned as Cohen's attorney.

6 122. The Defendants breached their duty of professional care by acting in a manner
7 which is below the standard of care for each of the Defendants' respective professions
8 practicing in the Los Angeles area. Each Defendant failed to perform proper investigation,
9 research and render a proper opinion as to the necessity and prudence of the sales of the
10 assets of Cohen. They failed to act in the best interests of Cohen and to the contrary acted in
11 their own interest and adverse to Cohen. They failed to properly advise Cohen as to the
12 structure of the intellectual property asset sales. They failed to properly document the
13 structure of the intellectual property sales transactions they created, approved and
14 recommended to Cohen. Westin failed to provide any oversight of or checks and balances as
15 to Lynch's control over Cohen's assets. Defendants misled Cohen into believing that
16 Traditional Holdings was owned and controlled 99% by Cohen's children, when Westin
17 created a structure which vested 99.5% ownership in Lynch. Westin failed to create
18 documents to protect or advise Cohen regarding protecting himself from, among others,
19 Lynch. Lynch failed to protect the assets of Cohen and to the contrary simply took all of
20 Cohen's assets she was able to reach.

21 123. Westin created a structure called "Blue Mist." Thereafter Westin failed or
22 neglected to properly document and fully document the Blue Mist transactions or protect the
23 assets of Cohen in the Blue Mist transaction.

24 124. Westin violated his duty of loyalty and the obligation to not represent
25 conflicting interests without compliance with the California Rules of Professional Conduct by
26 failing to disclose actual and potential conflicts of interest, advising the client to seek
27 independent counsel, providing a written disclosure of the conflicts and obtaining an
28 informed waiver of the conflicts from Cohen.

1 **AS TO THE THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION (BREACH OF CONTRACT):**

- 2 5. For general damages in a sum of not less than \$5,000,000, or an amount
3 according to proof, together with interest thereon at the legal rate;

4 **AS TO THE FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION (ACCOUNTING):**

- 5 6. For an accounting to Cohen of all sums taken by Lynch and a return of the
6 books and records to Cohen;
7 7. For payment over to Cohen of the amount due from Lynch as a result of the
8 accounting;

9 **AS TO THE FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION (CONVERSION):**

- 10 8. For general damages in a sum of not less than \$5,000,000, or an amount
11 according to proof, together with interest thereon at the legal rate;

12 **AS TO THE SIXTH CAUSE OF ACTION (CONSTRUCTIVE TRUST,
13 DECLARATORY AND INJUNCTIVE RELIEF):**

- 14 9. For a declaration of the respective rights of the parties;
15 10. For the imposition of a constructive trust over the money, property and legal
16 rights that Lynch contends she rightfully controls;
17 11. For temporary and permanent injunctive relief preventing Lynch from
18 transferring or disbursing any funds relating to the monies or property which
19 belongs to Cohen as well as any proceeds or commissions therefrom pending an
20 accounting to determine Plaintiffs' entitlement to such other amount of these
21 proceeds as the Court adjudges to be owed, and from modifying, changing, or
22 destroying any records relating thereto.

23 **AS TO THE SEVENTH CAUSE OF ACTION (NEGLIGENCE):**

- 24 12. For general damages in a sum of not less than \$1,250,000, or an amount
25 according to proof, together with interest thereon at the legal rate;

26 **AS TO ALL CLAIMS FOR RELIEF:**

- 27 13. For all costs of suit incurred herein;
28 14. For reasonable attorneys' fees as may be provided by law;

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15. For interest as may be provided by law; and

16. For such other and further relief, including without limitation injunctive relief,
as the Court deem to be just and appropriate

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Demand for Jury Trial

Plaintiffs LEONARD NORMAN COHEN and LEONARD COHEN
INVESTMENTS, LLC demand a jury trial of the causes of action in their complaint.

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