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(September 6, 2007) Los Angeles, California, United States District Court

Once again, this office is pleased to report yet another dismissal this week in a complicated federal declaratory relief action brought by the United States Attorney's Office against Jonathan and Lisa Gordon.

On October 12, 2005, the United States of America filed a two count complaint for fraudulent conveyance and declaratory relief against Jonathan and Lisa Gordon alleging that Lisa Gordon's separate property was disguised community property in which the government sought to seize and sell.

If Lisa Gordon lost this case, she would have lost her home with over \$1,000,000.00 in equity. More importantly, her children would have been dispossessed from the only home they have known.

On the eve of trial, Ronald Richards, Esq. invited our prominent colleague Dana Cole, Esq. to join the defense effort by representing Jonathan Gordon. Mr. Gordon is subject to a criminal restitution order. The enforcement of that order constituted the gravamen of the government's lawsuit.

As trial was about to commence this afternoon before the Hon. Valerie Baker Fairbanks, the Central District's newest Article III judge, the government prosecutor indicated to the defense that the office was willing to dismiss the case, agree to never pursue Lisa Gordon or her separate again in connection with this criminal restitution order in exchange for Lisa and Jonathan Gordon releasing the government from malicious prosecution and any Equal Access to Justice attorney fees claim.

The settlement was placed on the record, the case was dismissed, and Lisa Gordon can

sleep easy for the rest of her life that Financial Litigation Unit of the United States Attorney's Office will never bother or harass her again or try and seize and sell her home.

Our hearts and best wishes go out to the Gordon family who has endured 16 months of brutal litigation, depositions, and unbearable expense. The firm would also like thank Dana Cole, Esq. for his immediate integration into the procedural complexities of this matter and for being prepared for trial on such short notice.

A copy of the stipulation to dismiss the case is attached to this summary.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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Case No. **CV 05-7362-VBF(RZx)**

Dated: **September 6, 2007**

Title: **United States of America -v- Jonathan Gordon, et al.**

**PRESENT: HONORABLE VALERIE BAKER FAIRBANK, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

Rita Sanchez  
Courtroom Deputy

Anne Kielwasser  
Court Reporter

**ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR PLAINTIFFS:**

**ATTORNEYS PRESENT FOR DEFENDANTS:**

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Ronald N. Richards  
Dana M. Cole

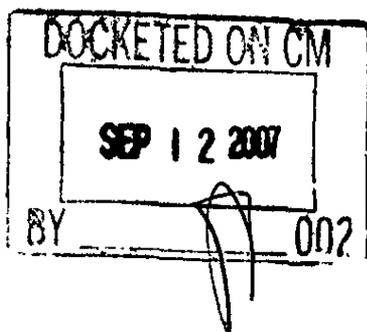
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Case called, and counsel make their appearance. Attorney Dana M. Cole substitutes in as counsel for Jonathan Gordon.

The parties inform the Court that a settlement has been reached. The settlement is place on the record. In light of a settlement, the Court trial is vacated.

The case is dismissed with prejudice.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**



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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
 FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
 WESTERN DIVISION

14 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, ) No. CV-05-7362-VFB (RZx)  
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 15 Plaintiff, ) STIPULATION FOR DISMISSAL;  
 ) (PROPOSED) ORDER  
 16 v. )  
 )  
 17 JONATHAN GORDON, et al., )  
 )  
 18 Defendants. )  
 )

20 It is hereby stipulated by and between plaintiff United  
 21 States of America and defendants Jonathan Gordon and Lisa Gordon  
 22 as follows:

23 1. Plaintiff United States waives its claim that the real  
 24 property commonly known as 3226 Frondosa Drive, Malibu,  
 25 California ("Property"), constitutes community property of  
 26 defendants Jonathan Gordon and Lisa Gordon.

27 2. The Property constitutes the separate property of Lisa  
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1 Gordon.

2 3. Plaintiff will not attempt to enforce the judgment  
3 against defendant Jonathan Gordon entered in Case No. CR CR 01-  
4 1081 against the Property, or any other separate property of Lisa  
5 Gordon.

6 4. This action may be dismissed with prejudice, with all  
7 parties bearing their own costs and expenses, including their  
8 attorney's fees incurred in this action.

9 DATED: September 7, 2007

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Acting United States Attorney

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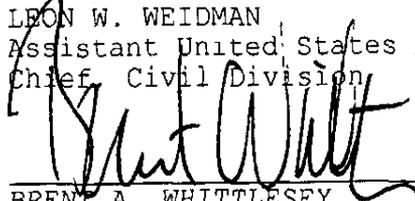
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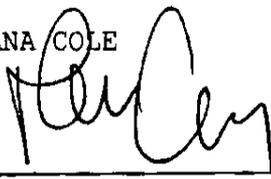
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Attorneys for Defendant  
Lisa Gordon

1 DATED: September 7, 2007

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Attorney for Defendant  
Jonathan Gordon

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Based on the foregoing stipulation of the parties, and for good cause shown, it is hereby ordered as follows:

1. The foregoing stipulation is approved and adopted by the court.
2. This action is dismissed with prejudice with each parties to bear its own costs and attorney's fees.

14 DATED: September 11, 2007



HON. VALERIE BAKER FAIRBANK  
United States District Judge

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