1 PHILLIP A. TALBERT Acting United States Attorney **ROBIN TUBESING** Assistant United States Attorney 2500 Tulare Street, Suite 4401 Fresno, CA 93721 Telephone: (559) 497-4083 5 Attorneys for the United States of America 6 7 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, Case No.: 2:21-mc-00095-KJM-DB 1 I 12 Plaintiff, WRIT OF CONTINUING GARNISHMENT (ANNUITY, INVESTMENT/RETIREMENT 13 ACCOUNTS) Criminal Case No.: 2:20-cr-00150-KJM 14 RONALD STEVEN SCHOENFELD, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE FOR 15 THE RONALD & JEANETTE SCHOENFELD REVOCABLE TRUST, 16 17 Defendant and Judgment Debtor. 18 19 ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE COMPANY, (and its Successors and Assignees) 20 21 Garnishee. 22 To the Garnishee: Athene Annuity and Life Company CSC-Lawyers Incorporating Service 23 2710 Gateway Oaks Drive, Suite 150N Sacramento, CA 95833 24 The United States has filed an application for a Writ of Continuing Garnishment (Annuity, 25 Investment/Retirement Accounts) against any property and account(s) that defendant Ronald Steven Schoenfeld, social security number ***-**-7467, has an interest in property located at Athene Annuity 27 and Life Company. This includes community property in the name of his spouse, Jeanette Steffany 28 1 WRIT OF CONTINUING GARNISHMENT

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Edler (aka Jeanette Schoenfeld), and property in the name of the Ronald & Jeanette Schoenfeld Revocable Trust, and any other accounts in which Schoenfeld has an interest. On January 25, 2021, the United States District Court sentenced Schoenfeld in criminal case number 2:20-cr-00150-KJM and on February 10, 2021 ordered him to pay a \$100.00 statutory assessment and \$1,476,295.15 in restitution to his victims (Judgment Amount).

Schoenfeld has not paid any of the Judgment Amount and as of March 30, 2021, he still owes \$1,476,395.15 despite the United States' demand for payment made more than thirty (30) days prior the date of this garnishment application. The United States also seeks to recover the statutorily authorized ten percent (10%) litigation surcharge of the unpaid Judgment Amount (\$147,629.51) pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 3011(a). The total amount sought by this garnishment action is thus \$1,624,024.66, representing \$1,476,395.15 Judgment Amount balance and \$147,629.51 litigation surcharge. No interest accrues on this debt.

Pursuant to the Writ of garnishment (Annuity, Investment/Retirement Accounts), you are required to withhold any and all property and account(s) in which Schoenfeld, his spouse Jeanette Steffany Edler, or the married couple have an interest, including, but not limited to any and all IRAs, life insurance, annuities, stocks, brokerage, individual, joint, and/or commercial/business savings and checking accounts in which Schoenfeld has signatory rights (including any remaining overdraft protection balances and lines of credit), certificates of deposit, safety deposit accounts, lock boxes, money market accounts, pledged securities, notes and all other property as defined by 28 U.S.C. § 3002(12). This includes all property held in the name of the Ronald & Jeanette Schoenfeld Revocable Trust. You must retain the property and accounts described above (the Funds) upon the date you receive this Writ until the Court issues an order directing the Funds' disposition. 28 U.S.C. §§ 3002(12), and 3205(c)(2)(F).

You are further required by law to complete under oath the accompanying Acknowledgment of Service and Answer of Garnishee (the Answer). You must file the <u>original</u> Answer within <u>ten</u> (10) days of receipt of this Writ of Continuing Garnishment with the Clerk's Office for the United States District Court, Eastern District of California. The Answer has specific detailed instructions on how to file the Answer with the Court and how to serve copies to all interested parties.

IF YOU FAIL TO ANSWER THIS WRIT OR TO WITHHOLD PROPERTY AND

ACCOUNTS (THE FUNDS) IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS WRIT, THE COURT MAY HOLD YOU LIABILE FOR THE AMOUNT OF THE JUDGMENT DEBTOR'S NON-EXEMPT PROPERTY THAT YOU FAILED TO WITHHOLD. ADDITIONALLY, YOU MAY BE HELD LIABLE FOR REASONABLE ATTORNEY'S FEES TO THE UNITED STATES FOR NON-COMPLIANCE. IT IS UNLAWFUL TO PAY OR DELIVER TO RONALD SCHOENFELD, ANY FUNDS DESCRIBED IN THIS WRIT.

If you have any questions, especially regarding service of the documents, you may contact, Michelle Lecroy, Paralegal Specialist, Financial Litigation Program, United States Attorney's Office, at (916) 554-2933, or write to: United States Attorney's Office, Attention: Financial Litigation Program, 501 "I" Street, Suite 10-100, Sacramento, California 95814.

It is unlawful to pay, disburse, or deliver to the defendant Ronald Steven Schoenfeld, any Funds subject to this Writ until further order of this Court.

Dated: 3/3/2081

KEITH HOLLAND Clerk, United States District Court

A. BENSON

By:

Deputy Clerk

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8	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,	Case No.: 2:21-mc-00095-KJM-DB
12	Plaintiff,	CLERK'S NOTICE OF INSTRUCTIONS TO
13	v.	JUDGMENT DEBTOR AND SPOUSE RE: WRIT OF GARNISHMENT (ANNUITY, INVESTMENT/RETIREMENT ACCOUNTS)
14	RONALD STEVEN SCHOENFELD, INDIVIDUALLY AND AS TRUSTEE FOR	Criminal Case No.: 2:20-cr-00150-KJM
15	THE RONALD & JEANETTE SCHOENFELD REVOCABLE TRUST,	Criminal Case No.: 2.20-cr-00130-KJW
16	Defendant and Judgment Debtor.	
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18	ATHENE ANNUITY AND LIFE COMPANY, (and its Successors and Assignees)	
19	Garnishee.	
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21	TO: Defendant and Judgment Debtor Ronald Spouse of Defendant Jeanette Steffany Ed	
22	Pursuant to the Federal Debt Collection Procedures Act of 1990, 28 U.S.C. § 3205 (c)(3)(B), the	
23	United States of America serves you the following instructions along with a copy of the Writ of	
24	Garnishment (Annuity, Investment/Retirement Accounts).	
25	The United States District Court entered a criminal judgment against Ronald Steven Schoenfeld	
26	on February 10, 2021, in case number 2:20-cr-00150-KJM. The judgment ordered Schoenfeld to pay a	
27	\$100.00 statutory assessment and \$1,476,295.15 in restitution. According to the records of the United	
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States Attorney's Office, as of March 30, 2021, Schoenfeld owes owe \$1,624,024.66, which includes a surcharge of ten percent (10%) of the amount of the debt authorized by 28 U.S.C. § 3011(a).

YOU ARE HEREBY NOTIFIED that the Writ was issued based upon this judgment entered against Schoenfeld on February 10, 2021, and that the Writ of Garnishment (Annuity, Investment/Retirement Accounts) was served upon the Garnishee, Athene Annuity and Life Company. It is believed that the Garnishee may have property of yours in its custody, possession or control.

YOU ARE FURTHER NOTIFIED that there are exemptions under the law which may protect some of the property from being taken by the United States Government <u>if</u> you can demonstrate that certain exemptions apply.

If you are Ronald Steven Schoenfeld or Jeanette Steffany Edler, you have a right to request the court to return your property, **if** you can prove by competent evidence that you do not owe the money, or if you can demonstrate the property the United States is garnishing qualifies under one or more of the applicable exemptions.

The following forms are included with these instructions:

- 1) Claim for Exemption form summarizes your allowable exemptions.
- 2) Request for Hearing form can be used to calendar a hearing before a Magistrate Judge.

In order to request a hearing, you must notify the Court within twenty (20) days after you receive the Acknowledgment of Service and Answer of Garnishee (Annuity, Investment/Retirement Accounts). In order to expedite a hearing, you must be specific in your request. You must also attach a completed Claim for Exemption Form to your Request for Hearing and either mail or deliver your request in person to:

United States District Court Eastern District of California Clerk of the Court 501 I Street, Room 4-200 Sacramento, CA 95814

You must also send a copy of your request to the following:

United States Attorney's Office ROBIN TUBESING Assistant United States Attorney 2500 Tulare Street, Suite 4401 Fresno, CA 93721

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If you are entitled to a hearing, the Court shall hold a hearing within ten (10) business days after the request is received by the Court, or as soon thereafter is practicable, and the Court will provide notice of the hearing date to all of the parties. PLEASE NOTE: IF YOU WANT A HEARING TO TAKE PLACE QUICKLY, YOU MUST EXPRESSLY MAKE THIS REQUEST.

At the hearing, you will have an opportunity to explain to the Court why you believe you do not owe the debt or that the property the United States seeks to garnish is exempt. If you do not request a hearing within twenty (20) days of receiving the Answer of Garnishee, the Court may enter an order garnishing the property or funds. The garnished property or funds may be applied against the judgment owed to the United States.

If you live outside the federal judicial district in which this Court is located, you may request, not later than twenty (20) days after you receive this notice, that the proceedings and that the property, funds or account(s) be transferred by the Court to the federal judicial district in which you reside. You must make your request in writing, and either mail it or deliver it in person to:

United States District Court Clerk of the Court 501 I Street, Room 4-200 Sacramento, CA 95814

You must also send a copy of your request to the following:

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Be sure to keep a copy of this notice for your records. If you have any questions about your rights or about this procedure, you should contact a lawyer, or an office of public legal assistance. The Clerk of the Court is not permitted to provide legal advice.

Dated: 331 7021

KEITH HOLLAND Clerk, United States District Court

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Deputy Clerk