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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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EDWIN B. CARTON *et al.*,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
B & B EQUITIES GROUP, LLC *et al.*,
Defendants.

CASE NO.: 2:11-cv-00746-RCJ-PAL

DEFAULT JUDGMENT

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I. BACKGROUND ON STOLI

Stranger-originated life insurance (“STOLI”) arrangements have become increasingly common over the past decade. *See Sun Life Assurance Co. of Canada v. Berck*, 770 F. Supp. 2d 728, 729–30 (D. Del. 2011). In a typical STOLI scheme, a speculator collaborates with an elderly individual who has a high net worth in obtaining a life insurance policy against the life of the wealthy individual. *See generally* 3 Leo Martinez et al., *New Appleman Insurance Law Practice Guide* § 34.09[3] (2011). The wealthy individual is often promised cash upon the future sale of the policy or enticed to enter the arrangement through the promise of two years of free life insurance. The speculator provides non-recourse financing to purchase the policy—secured by the policy—which comes due after the two-year contestability period during which the insurer has to challenge the policy. If the insured dies within the two-year contestability

1 period, the speculator is repaid, with interest, out of the proceeds of the policy. If the insured
2 survives the two-year contestability period, there are two ways he or she may repay the
3 speculator. First, the insured may pay the outstanding debt and accrued interest and retain the
4 policy. This option is generally less attractive because the interest rates are often high or because
5 the insured was promised a portion of the proceeds upon the sale of the policy. Second, the
6 insured may transfer the policy to the speculator to satisfy the debt, and the speculator may then
7 sell the policy on the secondary market. These arrangements ultimately amount to unlawful
8 wagering and have generally been disfavored by courts. *See Berck*, 770 F. Supp. 2d at 730.

10 **II. FINDINGS OF FACT & PROCEDURAL HISTORY**

11 On November 26, 2012, this Court entered an Order striking the Answers of Defendants
12 Robert L. Eberle (“Eberle”), and B&B Equities Group, LLC, Global Equity Resources, LLC, Pro
13 Financial Group, Inc., Pro Fi Group, Inc., and Estate Planning Solutions Network, LLC (the
14 “Corporate Defendants”) and granting default judgment against them. By operation of Eberle
15 and the Corporate Defendants’ Answers being stricken and entry of default against them, the
16 factual allegations asserted against them are taken as true. *Geddes v. United Financial Group*,
17 559 F.2d 557, 560 (9th Cir. 1977) (“The general rule of law is that upon default the factual
18 allegations of the complaint, except those relating to the amount of damages, will be taken as
19 true.”) (citing *Pope v. United States*, 323 U.S. 1, 12 (1944); see also *Televideo Sys., Inc. v.*
20 *Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987); Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(b)(6). Therefore, in
21 accordance with the general rule of law, the Court makes the following findings of fact¹:
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26 ¹ Unless noted otherwise, the facts are taken from the First Amended Complaint filed on July 12,
27 2011 as Docket No. 43, as that was the complaint in effect at the time that Default Judgment was
28 granted. The Court granted the Plaintiffs leave to amend the First Amended Complaint on
November 27, 2012. *See* Doc. 187. Plaintiffs filed a Second Amended Complaint on November
27, 2012 as Docket No. 188.

1 B&B Equities Group, LLC was a Nevada limited liability company whose managing
2 members are Defendants Robert Koppel and Robert Eberle. B&B is interrelated with
3 Defendants Global Equity Resources, LLC (“GER”), Global Equity Preservation, Inc. (“GEP”),
4 Eagle Investment Corporation of America (“EICA”) and Pro Financial Group, Inc. (“PFG”)
5 (collectively “B&B Entities”) through common ownership, financial control and an
6 interrelationship of operations, such that they constitute a single business in fact. The B&B
7 Entities are entities that R. Koppel and Eberle used to operate the fraudulent scheme described
8 herein. R. Koppel and Eberle were shareholders, managers, members, directors, officers,
9 principals, fiduciaries, agents and/or key employees of these entities. Their duties included
10 solicitation of the Plaintiffs to engage in the investment, payment of money towards insurance
11 premiums, preservation of the insurance policies and/or sale of the Policies on the secondary
12 market, provision of timely and material information to the Plaintiffs and Insurers regarding the
13 Insureds, insurance policies and investment therein and failure to object to the B&B Entities’
14 improper business practices. (First Am. Compl. at 4-6, July 12, 2011, Doc. 43).

17 Plaintiffs Edwin and Lonnie Carton (the “Cartons”) were first introduced to STOLI
18 transactions by Defendant Bruce Plotnick, whom they met at a financial planning seminar in the
19 early to mid 2000’s. (*Id.* at 12). Plotnick was the featured lecturer at the seminar and is the
20 principal employee and owner of Defendant Estate Planning Solution Network (“EPSN”), his
21 financial services firm. (*Id.* at 6-7). Plotnick suggested the Cartons invest their retirement funds
22 in a concept called “premium financing” through Defendant Robert Koppel (“R. Koppel”) and
23 his company B&B Equities Group, LLC (“B&B”). (*Id.*).

25 R. Koppel and Plotnick, acting through EPSN as agent of R. Koppel, Eberle and the B&B
26 Entities, told the Cartons that B&B would organize limited liability companies which would be
27 assigned the rights to the life insurance policies of the insured third-parties and would assume the
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1 liabilities in funding the policies. (*Id.* at 6-7, 13). The Cartons were then informed they would
2 receive an ownership interest in these limited liability companies and were guaranteed a return of
3 20% on their investment. (*Id.*). The Cartons were also told that the insurance premiums would be
4 paid by the limited liability companies for a two year period, after which they would be repaid in
5 one of two ways: (1) the insured would keep the policy and pay off the loan with interest, or (2)
6 the insured would sell the policy on the secondary market. (*Id.* at 10). The Cartons were under
7 the impression that this type of transaction was legal and that the insurance company would have
8 full knowledge of the arrangement. (*See* Opp'n to Mot. to Dismiss at 9, ECF No. 113).

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10 Koppel and Plotnick made material representations to the Cartons regarding this
11 investment, such as:

- 12 • “there is **NO** Market Risk.” (First Am. Compl. at 11-12).
- 13 • “Unlike the Stock Market . . . this gives you security knowing that your
14 principle is protected from Market fluctuations and your gains are sure.”
15 (*Id.*).
- 16 • “the very heart of this program is just a simple loan document where you
17 collect . . . interest on the money you lend the insured at the end of the . . .
18 term.” (*Id.*).
- 19 • “This is a non-traditional financing method for insurance premiums, which
20 finds itself right in line with industry standards.” (*Id.*).
- 21 • “You can be assured that your money is as safe, if not safer, than being in
22 your local bank. And compared to the Stock Market, your money is
23 infinitely safer because your principle is protected and your money is not
24 attached to its dangerous fluctuations.” (*Id.*).

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26 Further, Plotnick and Koppel failed to state, misrepresented or concealed the following material
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- The investments offered were not registered as securities with any federal or state agency or properly noticed as securities to the Plaintiffs. (*Id.* at 30).
- The B&B Entities, Plotnick, Eberle and Koppel were not licensed securities agents/brokers/dealers with any federal or state agency. (*Id.*).
- The B&B Defendants could not guarantee that the Borrower would repay the loan or that the Policy would be able to be sold. (*Id.*).
- The amount and rate of any return was at least partially contingent on market conditions at the time of sale (*Id.*).
- At the time of the offer, the B&B Defendants had been forced to stop offering their premium financing program in the State of Pennsylvania by a Cease and Desist Order issued by the Pennsylvania Securities Commission and had been indicted for federal securities fraud in California. (*Id.* at 31).
- That Defendant R. Koppel was the insurance agent/producer responsible for facilitating the application of and/or writing at least two of the Policies. (*Id.*).
- That the Insurers would not be informed about the Premium Financing arrangement and/or Misrepresenting that the Insurer would be informed about the Premium Financing arrangement. (*Id.*).
- That the applications for insurance had material misstatements and/or omissions of material facts. (*Id.* at 32).
- That if the policy did not sell on the secondary market in two years, new investors would need to be brought in to continue the policies. (*Id.*).
- That additional investors/lenders would increase the debt burden on the Borrower/Insured and decrease the likelihood of repayment. (*Id.*).
- That additional investors/lenders would create additional liens against the Policies and decrease the value of the Policy on the Secondary Market and decrease the likelihood of a successful and profitable sale on the Secondary Market. (*Id.*).

- 1 • That an additional investors would dilute the pool of money available to the
2 Plaintiffs to satisfy their promised and guaranteed return in the event of sale on
3 the Secondary Market. (*Id.*).
- 4 • The actual amount of yearly premiums on the Policies or the flexible nature of
5 such premiums, and once disclosed, providing conflicting, contradictory and
6 confusing information regarding the same. (*Id.*).
- 7 • The amounts, percentages or rations of origination fees, commissions, referral
8 fees or other fees and to whom each would be paid and how they would be
9 earned, and once disclosed, provided conflicting, contradictory and confusing
10 information regarding the same. (*Id.*).
- 11 • The market value of the Policies on the secondary market in two years could not
12 be known. (*Id.*).
- 13 • That on August 22, 2007, ten months before they induced the Cartons to invest,
14 Defendants Eberle and R. Koppel were indicted by the U.S. Attorney in the
15 Eastern District of California for securities fraud, mail fraud and money
16 laundering in connection with the sale of investments in life insurance policies
17 during the period 2001-2006. The Indictment alleges that Eberle and R. Koppel
18 committed these criminal activities using their companies, Defendants EICA and
19 PFG. *See* E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:07-cr-366. These criminal proceedings were not
20 disclosed to the Cartons by Eberle, R. Koppel or any of the B&B Entities. (*Id.* at
21 33). (Eberle and Koppel both recently entered plea agreements in which they
22 plead guilty to the securities fraud count. *See* E.D. Cal. Case No. 2:07-cr-366,
23 Doc. 216 and Doc. 232).
- 24 • That on November 9, 2007, the Pennsylvania Securities Commission issued a
25 press release stating that it had issued a Summary Order to Cease and Desist
26 against Defendants PFG, EICA and R. Koppel. According to the press release,
27 PFG, EICA and R. Koppel had offered and sold its Premium Financing Program
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1 to Pennsylvania residents, including Promissory Notes, without necessary
2 registrations and disclosures required by Pennsylvania securities laws. The press
3 release stated that PFG, EICA and R. Koppel were ordered to stop offering the
4 Premium Financing Program in violation of state securities law and that any
5 further offers will constitute violations of state securities law. (*Id.*).

- 6 • That on March 12, 2009, the Enforcement Section of the Securities Division of
7 the Office of Secretary of State of the State of Missouri issued an Order to Cease
8 and Desist and Order to Show Cause against Defendants B&B, GER, GEP, R.
9 Koppel, Banks and Eberle for offering and selling its Premium Financing program
10 to Missouri residents in violation of state securities laws. The Missouri action
11 was not disclosed to the Cartons until April 21, 2011 when an inquiry was made
12 into the status of the Policies. (*Id.* at 33-34). (On October 25, 2011, the State of
13 Missouri issued a Final Order finding that B&B, GER, GEP, R. Koppel and
14 Eberle had violated Missouri securities laws and ordered them to pay restitution
15 into an investor restitution fund.).

16 The Cartons relied upon these misrepresentations and were induced by Plotnick, R.
17 Koppel, Eberle and the B&B Entities to invest in the B&B premium financing program. (*Id.* at
18 30-34). On July 16, 2008, the Cartons paid \$700,000.00 to the B&B Entities through Plotnick
19 and R. Koppel. (*Id.* at 13-14). The investment was spread over seven insurance policies
20 (collectively, “the Policies”), which insured six individuals (collectively “the Insureds”). (*Id.* at
21 17). Three of the Policies were through Defendant American General Life Insurance Co.
22 (“American General”) and insured Defendants–Insureds Thomas E. Colbert, Wanda D. Dean,
23 and Kenneth D. Huntley. (*Id.*). Thomas Colbert is a resident of Nevada, Wanda Dean is a
24 resident of California, and Kenneth Huntley is a resident of Iowa. (*Id.* at 7–8). Three of the
25 Policies were through Defendant Aviva Life and Annuity Co. (“Aviva”) and insured
26 Defendants–Insureds Kenneth D. Huntley, Leon E. Dean, and Samuel L. Diggle. (*Id.* at 17).
27 Leon Dean is a resident of California and Samuel Diggle is a resident South Carolina. (*Id.* at 7–
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1 8). The final policy was through Americo Financial Life & Annuity Insurance Co. (“Americo”)
2 and insured Defendant–Insured Gloria Diaz Rivera, a resident of Puerto Rico. (*Id.* at 8, 17). The
3 face amounts of these policies ranged from \$600,000 to \$3,000,000. (*Id.* at 17). The beneficiaries
4 of the Policies were irrevocable life insurance trusts that bore the names of the respective
5 Insureds, e.g., “the Kenneth D. Huntley Irrevocable Life Insurance Trust” (collectively, the
6 “ILITs”). (*Id.* at 8, 18). The Insureds served as trustees for their respective ILITs. (*Id.* at 19).

7 On the American General applications for life insurance, the Insureds failed to answer the
8 question that asked for information about the “Premium Payor” if it were different from the
9 policy owner, even though third parties, viz., Plaintiffs, were in fact providing financing to pay
10 the policy premiums. (*Id.* at 26–28). On the Aviva applications for life insurance, the Insureds
11 failed to inform Aviva of the premium financing arrangement. (*Id.*).

12 The Insured signed promissory notes in their capacities as trustees of their respective
13 ILITs, promising to repay the loans obtained from the Cartons and agreeing to an interest rate of
14 20% per annum on those loans. (*Id.*). This amount became payable either: (a) the day following
15 the two year anniversary of the note; (b) the date of the death of the insured; (c) the date of any
16 breach; or (d) the date of any default. (*Id.* at 20). Limited liability companies were created
17 bearing the names of the Insureds (Plaintiffs Kenneth Huntley II, LLC; Kenneth Huntley IV,
18 LLC; Leon Dean II, LLC; Gloria Diaz II, LLC; Thomas Colbert V, LLC; Wanda Dean II, LLC;
19 and Samuel Diggle II, LLC) (collectively, the “LLCs”), and the Insureds executed collateral
20 assignments assigning and pledging the insurance policies to the LLCs as collateral to secure the
21 loans financing the first two years of premium payments. (*Id.* at 21). The Cartons obtained an
22 interest in the LLCs reflecting the percentage of the funding they provided for the respective life
23 insurance policy premiums, and in August 2008 they received a package of documents that
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1 included the insurance application for each policy, the secured promissory note, the collateral
2 assignment, and other relevant documents. (*Id.* at 16, 25).

3 The loans were all set to expire between June and September of 2009. (*Id.* at 27–29).
4 However, in July of 2009, the Cartons received letters informing them that additional investors
5 had been brought in to pay a third year of premiums on four of the Policies, thus decreasing the
6 Cartons’ percentage interest in the Policies. (*Id.* at 25–26). None of the Policies were sold, and
7 apparently all of the policies have since lapsed for non-payment. (*See* Mot. to Dismiss 5, ECF
8 No. 90). The Cartons never received their principal or the guaranteed interest on their
9 investment. (First Am. Compl. 26–30).

10 The Cartons sued several parties in this Court, including Plotnick, EPSN, R. Koppel,
11 Eberle and the B&B Entities, and others. (*See* Compl., Doc. 1). Plaintiffs brought fourteen causes
12 of action. (*See id.*). Plaintiffs filed the First Amended Complaint (“FAC”), which joins the LLCs
13 as Plaintiffs and lists the same fourteen nominal causes of action: (1) Securities Fraud under §
14 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act and SEC Rule 10b-5; (2) Declaratory Judgment
15 (rescission); (3) Declaratory Judgment (refund of premiums); (4) Securities Fraud under Nevada
16 Revised Statutes (“NRS”) section 90.660; (5) Fraud; (6) Constructive Fraud; (7) Breach of
17 Contract (B&B Investment Agreements); (8) Breach of Contract (Loan Documents); (9)
18 Foreclosure; (10) Unjust Enrichment; (11) Injunctive Relief; (12) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; (13)
19 Deceptive Trade Practices under NRS Chapter 598; and (14) Professional Negligence. (*See* First
20 Am. Compl., July 12, 2011, Doc. 43).

21 On December 7, 2011, the Court entered an Order [Doc. 129] ruling that “this was a
22 standard STOLI arrangement under which investors were in substance the true owners of the
23 Policies, the arrangement violated public policy and the Policies were void ab initio.” The
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1 STOLIs were therefore invalid and void ab initio under the respective laws or public policies of
2 Nevada, California, Iowa, and South Carolina, in which states the STOLIs were issued.

3 On August 23, 2012, United States Magistrate Judge Peggy A. Leen entered an Order
4 [Doc. 181] granting the Plaintiffs' Motion for Sanctions [Doc. 149] against Defendants Robert L.
5 Eberle ("Eberle"); and B&B Equities Group, LLC; Global Equity Resources, LLC; Pro Financial
6 Group, Inc.; Pro Fi Group, Inc.; Estate Planning Solutions Network, LLC (the "Corporate
7 Defendants") for their failure to comply with discovery obligations, comply with court orders,
8 and participate in this case. Magistrate Judge Lien then made a Report and Recommendation
9 [Doc. 181] to the Court that the answers of Eberle and Corporate Defendants be stricken and
10 Default Judgment be entered against them based on the factors set forth by the Ninth Circuit.
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12 On November 26, 2012, this Court adopted the Report and Recommendation, Ordered
13 that the Answers of Eberle and the Corporate Defendants are stricken and granted Default
14 Judgment in favor of the Plaintiffs against those Defendants. See Order dated November 26,
15 2012, Doc. 187.
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17 The Report and Recommendation [Doc. 181] and the Order [Doc. 187] are incorporated
18 herein by reference as if set forth verbatim.

19 **III. DAMAGES**

20 The Court having found good cause to enter Default Judgment against Robert L. Eberle,
21 B&B Equities Group, LLC, Global Equity Resources, LLC, Pro Financial Group, Inc., Pro Fi
22 Group, Inc., and Estate Planning Solutions Network, LLC, the focus now turns to the amount of
23 damages. The Plaintiffs asserted the following causes of actions against the defaulted
24 defendants:
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26 Robert L. Eberle: (1) Securities Fraud under § 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act and
27 SEC Rule 10b-5; (4) Securities Fraud under Nevada Revised Statutes ("NRS") section 90.660;
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1 (5) Fraud; (6) Constructive Fraud; (7) Breach of Contract (B&B Investment Agreements); (10)
2 Unjust Enrichment; (12) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; (13) Deceptive Trade Practices under NRS
3 Chapter 598; and (14) Professional Negligence.

4 B&B Equities Group, LLC, Global Equity Resources, LLC, Pro Financial Group, Inc.,
5 and Pro Fi Group, Inc.: (1) Securities Fraud under § 10(b) of the Securities Exchange Act and
6 SEC Rule 10b-5; (4) Securities Fraud under Nevada Revised Statutes (“NRS”) section 90.660;
7 (5) Fraud; (6) Constructive Fraud; (7) Breach of Contract (B&B Investment Agreements); (10)
8 Unjust Enrichment; (12) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; and (13) Deceptive Trade Practices under
9 NRS Chapter 598.

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11 Estate Planning Solutions Network, LLC: (4) Securities Fraud under Nevada Revised
12 Statutes (“NRS”) section 90.660; (5) Fraud; (6) Constructive Fraud; and (10) Unjust Enrichment.

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14 In determining the amount of damages, the Court notes that the investment scheme
15 promoted by these Defendants was determined to be illegal STOLI transactions which are void
16 ab initio under the laws of the states in which the insurance policies were issued. In such a
17 situation, the Court will attempt to “restor[e] . . . the status quo of the parties”, putting the parties
18 as close to their original positions as is “reasonably possible and demanded by the equities of the
19 case.” *Mackintosh v. Cal. Fed. Sav. and Loan Ass'n.*, 113 Nev. 393, 407, 935 P.2d 1154, 1163
20 (1997). In this case, the Cartons transferred \$700,000.00 to R. Koppel, which was then shared
21 with the defaulted defendants and various other parties. The Court will attempt to restore the
22 Cartons to the position they occupied before the transfer of the \$700,000.00. While there are
23 likely many methods of calculating damages under these various causes of action, the most direct
24 and straightforward way to achieve the intended result of restoring the Cartons to their original
25 positions is by examining the remedies available under federal and state securities laws.
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1 Nevada state law provides that a person who offers or sells a security in violation of
2 Nevada State Securities laws “is liable to the person purchasing the security. Upon tender of the
3 security, the purchaser may recover the consideration paid for the security and interest at the
4 legal rate of this State from the date of payment, costs and reasonable attorney’s fees, less the
5 amount of income received on the security.” N.R.S. 90.660(1) (emphasis added); *see Nagy v.*
6 *Grobstein*, 2006 WL 2385383, *2 (D. Nev. 2006) (“Therefore, the Court finds that Grobstein
7 should be jointly and severally liable for the amount of money paid for the unregistered
8 securities, \$300,000.00. *See* 15 U.S.C. § 77e(a)(1); Nev. Rev. Stat. 90.660(b),(f). While
9 Defendant Grobstein complains that this is inequitable because the other defendants were never
10 served, Grobstein never took any of the avenues available to protect his rights in this case.”).

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12 Federal law is consistent with this remedy. Under federal law, “a district court has broad
13 equity powers to order the disgorgement of ill-gotten gains obtained through the violation of the
14 securities laws. Disgorgement is designed to deprive a wrongdoer of unjust enrichment, and to
15 deter others from violating securities laws by making violations unprofitable.” *SEC v. First Pac.*
16 *Bancorp*, 142 F.3d 1186, 1191 (9th Cir. 1998) (quotation marks and citations omitted). “[T]he
17 amount of disgorgement should include all gains flowing from the illegal activities.” *SEC v. JT*
18 *Wallenbrock & Assocs.*, 440 F.3d 1109, 1114 (9th Cir. 2006) (quotation marks omitted).
19 Whether the person retained the money or used it for other purposes is irrelevant, he or she will
20 be liable for funds retained and funds dissipated. *JT Wallenbrock*, 440 F.3d 1109 at 1111-12.
21 “[W]here two or more individuals or entities collaborate or have a close relationship in engaging
22 in the violations of the securities laws, they [may be] held jointly and severally liable for the
23 disgorgement of illegally obtained proceeds.” *Id.* at 1117 (citation and quotation omitted).

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25 While these penalties may seem harsh, they are intended as a deterrent and as a means for
26 investors to recover damages. *See* U.S. Code Cong. & Admin. News 1995, pp. 679, 687 (“The
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1 success of the U.S. securities markets is largely the result of a high level of investor confidence
2 in the integrity and efficiency of our markets. The SEC enforcement program and the availability
3 of private rights of action together provide a means for defrauded investors to recover damages
4 and a powerful deterrent against violations of the securities laws”); *see also Bateman Eichler,*
5 *Hill Richards, Inc. v. Berner*, 472 U.S. 299, 310, 105 S.Ct. 2622, 86 L.Ed.2d 215 (1985)
6 (“Moreover, we repeatedly have emphasized that implied private actions provide ‘a most
7 effective weapon in the enforcement’ of the securities laws and are ‘a necessary supplement to
8 Commission action”).

10 Eberle and the Corporate Defendants collaborated in the STOLI scheme to induce the
11 Cartons to invest, causing the Cartons to lose \$700,000.00. The insurance policies have been
12 determined to be illegal and void ab initio and there is no value in the Cartons’ investment. The
13 Cartons have not received any income from the investment or had any of their principal
14 investment returned to them. The Cartons have suffered actual damages from the Defendants’
15 actions in the amount of \$700,000.00. Under the standards set forth above, the Court finds
16 Eberle and the Corporate Defendants (except for EPSN who was not named in this cause of
17 action) jointly and severally liable to the Cartons in the amount of \$700,000.00 as a
18 disgorgement for all gains flowing from their violations of federal and state securities laws.
19 Because the Cartons have not received any income from the STOLI, there is no offset.
20 Awarding the Plaintiffs this relief satisfies the Court’s goal of putting the parties as close to their
21 original positions as is “reasonably possible and demanded by the equities of the case.”

24 Nevada law also provides for interest at the legal rate from the date of payment, which is
25 currently 3.25%, *see* N.R.S. 99.040(1), or \$63.19 per day from July 16, 2008 (the date the
26 Cartons transferred their money the Defendants) until repaid. As of December 15, 2012, the total
27 accrued interest at the legal rate of 3.25% is \$9,100.00.

1 Additionally, Nevada allows the Cartons to recover their costs and reasonable attorney's
2 fees. According to Local Rule 54-16, a party requesting attorneys' fees must file a motion
3 demonstrating the reasonableness of the award, an itemization and description of the work
4 performed, an itemization of all costs, and an attorney affidavit. Plaintiffs are entitled to an
5 award of reasonable attorney's fees and costs and may submit such a motion complying with LR
6 54-16 if they choose.

8 **IV. JUDGMENT**

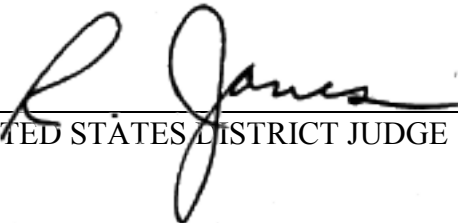
9 Accordingly and Good Cause Appearing therefor:

10 IT IS ORDERED that DEFAULT JUDGMENT IS ENTERED in favor of Plaintiffs and
11 against Defendants Robert L. Eberle, B&B Equities Group, LLC, Global Equity Resources,
12 LLC, Pro Financial Group, Inc., Pro Fi Group, Inc., and Estate Planning Solutions Network,
13 LLC, jointly and severally, in the amount of \$709,100.00, representing \$700,000.00 in principal
14 compensatory damages and \$9,100.00 accrued interest.

16 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiffs are entitled to an award of reasonable
17 attorney's fees and costs.

18 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Judgment shall accrue interest at the rate of 3.25%,
19 until paid in full.

20 Dated this 10th day of March, 2014.

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

25 Submitted By:
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