Anwar et al v. Fairfield Greenwich Limited et al

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Honorable Theodore H. Katz United States Magistrate Judge Daniel Patrick Moynihan U.S. Courthouse 500 Pearl Street New York, New York 10007-1312



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Re:

Anwar, et al. v. Fairfield Greenwich Limited, et al., 09-cv-118 (VM)(THK): Standard Chartered Cases

Dear Judge Katz:

I write on behalf of the Standard Chartered Plaintiffs' Steering Committee.

On July 14, 2011, we served our Second Request for Production of Documents to the Standard Chartered Defendants, requesting documents concerning Standard Chartered's plans to sell or abandon Standard Chartered Bank International (Americas) Ltd., which was known until its acquisition by Standard Chartered in 2008 as American Express Bank International.¹ By letter to counsel dated July 14, 2011, we requested that the Standard Chartered Defendants agree to a shorter return time of fourteen days. It was not until July 22, 2011, eight days later, that Sullivan & Cromwell answered and rejected the shorter time frame.

We attach copies of the Request for Production, the letter to counsel and a letter to clients of Standard Chartered Bank International (Americas) by Standard Chartered management discussing the sale or abandonment.

Since we anticipate that the Standard Chartered Defendants will object to the request and assume that they know their position now, we respectfully submit that it would expedite matters and permit a more prompt judicial review of their expected objection if they were required to provide a response to the Standard Chartered Plaintiffs by Thursday, July 28, 2011, or as soon thereafter as Your Honor deems appropriate.

We respectfully submit that in light of the apparently imminence of a sale or abandonment, which could lead to the denuding of the entity that is the sole

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defendant in one or more of the Standard Chartered Cases, and was the entity most directly connected to our clients' injuries, there is good cause to expedite the process by which the Request for Production be responded to and, if necessary, the objections to the Request be addressed by the Court. It is for this reason that we respectfully request not only Your Honor's prompt consideration of this letter and Your Honor's approval of the request.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Respectfully submitted,

Richard E. Brodsky

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Committee

## **Enclosures**

cc: Other Members of the Plaintiffs' Steering Committee Sharon Nelles, Esq., counsel for Standard Chartered Defendants

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SO ORDERED

THEODORE H. KATZ
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDG