THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA ASHEVILLE DIVISION CIVIL CASE NO. 1:11cv35

SYNOVUS BANK,)
Plaintiff,))
vs.) <u>MEMORANDUM OF</u>) DECISION AND ORDER
CHARLES KIMMEL,) <u>BEGISION AND ORDER</u>
JEREMY KIMMEL, JAY LURIE, and ELIZABETH POST,))
Defendants/)
Third-Party Plaintiffs,)
vs.)))
SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP. d/b/a)
NATIONAL BANK OF SOUTH)
CAROLINA, et al.,)
Third-Party Defendants.)))

THIS MATTER is before the Court on the Plaintiff Synovus Bank's Motion to Dismiss the Defendants' Second Amended Counterclaims [Doc. 35] and the Third Party Defendant Synovus Financial Corp.'s Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Second Amended Third Party Claims [Doc. 36].

Also pending before the Court is the case of Synovus Bank v. Coleman,

Civil Case No. 1:11cv66 (W.D.N.C.). The facts, legal issues, and causes of

action asserted by the parties in the present case are virtually identical to those presented in <u>Coleman</u>, and the same attorneys represent the Defendants in both cases. Even though the cases have not been consolidated, the decision of this Court in the Order being entered contemporaneously herewith in <u>Coleman</u> addresses and disposes of all of the issues raised by the motions currently before the Court in this matter. The Order in <u>Coleman</u>, therefore, is incorporated herein, and the current motions will disposed of in accord therewith.

ORDER

IT IS, THEREFORE, ORDERED that the Plaintiff Synovus Bank's Motion to Dismiss the Defendants' Second Amended Counterclaims [Doc. 35] is GRANTED IN PART and DENIED IN PART. Specifically, the Bank's Motion to Dismiss the Defendants' ILSA claim is DENIED. In all other respects, the Bank's Motion to Dismiss is GRANTED, and all of the Defendants' counterclaims, with the exception of their ILSA claim, are DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Third Party Defendant Synovus
Financial Corp.'s Motion to Dismiss Defendants' Second Amended Third Party

Claims [Doc. 36] is **GRANTED**, and the Defendants' Second Amended Third Party Claims against Synovus Financial Corp. are hereby **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the parties shall conduct an initial attorneys' conference within fourteen (14) days of the entry of this Order and shall file a Certificate of Initial Attorneys' Conference within seven (7) days thereafter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Signed: August 15, 2012

Martin Reidinger

United States District Judge