### CAUSE NO. 2022-67847

U.S. BANK TRUST, N.A., AS TRUSTEE	§	IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF
FOR LSF9 MASTER PARTICIPATION	§	
TRUST,	§	
	§	
Plaintiff,	§	
	§	
<b>v.</b>	§	55TH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
	§	
RAM M. DUVVURI and	§	
RATNA V. DUVVURI,	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS

### U.S. BANK'S EXPERT DESIGNATIONS

Plaintiff U.S. Bank Trust, N.A., as Trustee for LSF9 Master Participation Trust ("U.S. Bank" or "Plaintiff") makes these Designations of Expert Witnesses pursuant to the applicable Docket Control Order and the Texas Rules of Civil Procedure.

The following persons have been designated by Plaintiff as testifying experts:

- (1) Plaintiff reserves the right to call all persons listed as persons with knowledge of relevant facts on any parties' Responses to Request for Disclosure.
- (2) Shelley L. Hopkins
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Ms. Hopkins is counsel for Plaintiff and will testify as to the reasonableness and necessity of attorney's fees incurred by her clients in the lawsuit. She will also testify as to the reasonableness and necessity of attorney's fees incurred by Plaintiff in pursuing relief. Ms. Hopkins' opinions are that all fees incurred by her clients are reasonable in amount of necessary legal services. As suit is ongoing, Ms. Hopkins' opinions will necessarily be finalized at a later date.

OPINIONS AND SUMMARY OF THE BASIS: Ms. Hopkins is Of Counsel to Barrett Daffin Frappier Turner & Engel, LLP, 3 Lakeway Centre Ct., Suite 110, Austin, Texas 78734. Ms. Hopkins will base her opinions on her education, experience in the legal profession and the factors set forth in the Texas Rules of Disciplinary Procedure including Texas Rules of Professional Conduct, Rule 1.04(b). Specifically, Ms. Hopkins will consider the following factors:

- a. the time and labor involved, the novelty and difficulty of the questions involved, and the skill required to perform the legal services properly;
- b. the likelihood that the acceptable of the particular employment will preclude other employment by the lawyer;
- c. the fee customarily charged in the locality for similar legal services;
- d. the amount involved and results obtained;
- e. the limitations imposed by the client or the circumstances;
- f. the nature and length of the professional relationship with the client;
- g. the experience, reputation, and ability of the lawyer or lawyers performing the services; and
- h. whether the fee is fixed or contingent on results obtained or uncertainty of collection before the legal services have been rendered.

Ms. Hopkins is an attorney at law duly licensed to practice in the courts of the State of Texas and admitted into the United States District Court for the Southern District of Texas, United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, United States District Court for the Western District of Texas, United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas, United States District Court for the Eastern and Western District of Arkansas, the Fifth Circuit, and the United States Supreme Court. Ms. Hopkins is actively engaged in the practice of law and has represented numerous clients involved in financial lending/banking litigation in the State of Texas, which litigation has included lawsuits similar to the one involved in this case. Ms. Hopkins' opinions are based on her review of the pleadings, motions, discovery, attorney fee statements and attorney fee contracts in relation to the present suit, taking into consideration the fees customarily charged by practicing attorneys in Texas for the same or similar services, the time and labor involved, the nature of the case at bar and the complexity of the issues involved, the expertise, reputation and ability of counsel, extent of responsibility assumes, the benefits to be derived by Plaintiff and Defendants, and the costs of expenses incurred in relation to this suit.

Plaintiff reserves the right to amend or supplement this list depending upon further disclosures, discovery, service of discovery responses by Defendant and other parties in this matter, or other developments in this lawsuit.

## Respectfully submitted,

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

Pursuant to Texas Rules of Civil Procedure, I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing has been served upon all parties of record on this the 20th day of June 2023 via the method indicated as follows:

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