## SETTLEMENT AND RELEASE AGREEMENT

This Settlement and Release Agreement ("Agreement") is made as of this <u>15th</u> day of November, 2013, by, between, and among the following undersigned parties:

The Plaintiff Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, as receiver of IndyMac Bank, FSA ("FDIC"), and Judith Warren, d/b/a J Warren Appraisal Services ("Settling Defendant") (individually, the FDIC and Defendant may be referred to herein as "Party" and collectively as the "Parties").

# RECITALS

## WHEREAS:

Prior to July 11, 2008, IndyMac Bank ("Bank") was a depository institution organized and existing under the laws of California.

On July 11, 2008, the Bank was closed by the Office of Thrift Supervision and pursuant to 12 U.S.C. § 1821(c), the FDIC was appointed receiver. In accordance with 12 U.S.C. § 1821(d), the FDIC as receiver succeeded to all rights, titles, powers and privileges of the Bank, including those with respect to its assets.

Among the assets to which the FDIC as receiver succeeded were any and all of the Bank's claims, demands, and causes of actions against third parties, including appraisers;

On July 1, 2011, the FDIC filed a complaint for money damages against Settling Defendant in the Federal District Court, Northern District of California entitled Federal Deposit Insurance Company as Receiver for IndyMac Bank, F.S.A. v. Judith Warren, et al., Case No. 4:11-CV-03260-CW (the "Action").

The undersigned parties deem it in their best interests to enter into this Agreement to avoid the uncertainty, trouble, and expense of further litigation.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises, undertakings, payments, and releases stated herein, the sufficiency of which consideration is hereby acknowledged, the undersigned parties agree, each with the other, as follows:

### **SECTION I:** Payment to FDIC

A. As an essential covenant and condition to this Agreement, the Settling Defendant agrees to pay the FDIC the sum of \$60,000 (the "Settlement Funds").

B. Upon the execution of an original, or originals in counterpart, of this Agreement by each of the undersigned Parties to this Agreement, but no later than December 30, 2013, the Settlement Funds shall be delivered to Mortgage Recovery Law Group LLP by direct wire transfer into an account designated by Mortgage Recovery Law Group LLP or by certified or eashier's check drawn upon a depository institution acceptable to Mortgage Recovery Law Group.

In the event that the Settlement Funds are not delivered to the FDIC (or its counsel) by December 30, 2013, interest shall accrue on all unpaid amounts at the rate of 5% per annum from December 30, 2013 until the date of payment. However, if said Settlement Funds are not delivered to the FDIC by December 30, 2013, as a result of the FDIC's failure to execute this Agreement, no interest shall accrue until the day after the FDIC executes the Agreement.

C. In addition, and without waiving any other rights that the FDIC may have, in the event that all Settlement Funds (including all accrued interest) are not received by the FDIC on or before December 30, 2013, then the FDIC, in its sole discretion, shall have the right at any time prior to receipt of all Settlement Funds (including all accrued interest) to declare this Agreement null and void, shall have the right to extend this Agreement for any period of time until it receives all Settlement Funds (including all accrued interest), and/or shall have the right to enforce this Agreement against Settling Defendant, in which event Settling Defendant agrees to jurisdiction in Federal District Court in the Northern District of California and agrees to pay all of the FDIC to extend the terms of this Agreement or to accept a portion of the Settlement Funds shall not prejudice its rights to declare this Agreement null and void with respect to the non-delivering Party, or Parties, at any time prior to receipt of all Settlement Funds (including all accrued the terms of this Settlement Funds (including all accrued to receipt of all Settlement Funds (including all accrued interest) provided

however, that in the event the FDIC declares this Agreement null and void, the FDIC will return all amounts paid to it under this Agreement by the non-delivering Party, or Parties.

# **SECTION II: Stipulation and Dismissal**

Upon execution of this Agreement by each of the undersigned Parties, and receipt of the Settlement Funds, plus any accrued interest, the FDIC shall dismiss the Action. The undersigned parties agree to enter a stipulation providing that the dismissal set forth above shall be with prejudice, with each party to bear its own fees and costs as these were originally incurred.

# **SECTION III: Releases**

## A. <u>Release of Settling Defendant by FDIC.</u>

Effective upon receipt in full of the settlement funds plus any accrued interest, the FDIC, for itself and its successors and assigns, hereby releases and discharges the Settling Defendant and her heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, and causes of action, direct or indirect, in law or in equity, belonging to the FDIC, that arise from or relate to the performance, nonperformance, or manner of performance of the Settling Defendant's functions, duties and actions as an appraiser related to the loan at issue in the Action, including without limitation the causes of action alleged in the Action.

## B. Release of FDIC by the Settling Defendant.

Effective simultaneously with the release granted in PARAGRAPH III.A. above, the Settling Defendant, on behalf of herself individually, and her respective heirs, executors, administrators, agents, representatives, successors and assigns, hereby releases and discharges FDIC, and its employees, officers, directors, representatives, successors and assigns, from any and all claims, demands, obligations, damages, actions, and causes of action, direct or indirect, in law or in equity, that arise from or relate to the performance, nonperformance, or manner of performance of the Settling Defendant's functions, duties and actions as an appraiser related to the loan at issue in the Action, including without limitation the causes of action alleged in the Action.

### C. Express Reservations From Releases By FDIC.

1. Notwithstanding any other provision, by this Agreement, the FDIC does not release, and expressly preserves fully and to the same extent as if the Agreement had not been executed, any claims or causes of action:

a. against the Settling Defendant or any other person or entity for liability, if any, incurred as the maker, endorser or guarantor of any promissory note or indebtedness payable or owed by them to FDIC, the Bank, other financial institutions, or any other person or entity, including without limitation any claims acquired by FDIC as successor in interest to the Bank or any person or entity other than Bank;

b. against any person or entity not expressly released in this Agreement; and

c. which are not expressly released in Paragraphs III.A above.

2. Notwithstanding any other provision, nothing in this Agreement shall be construed or interpreted as limiting, waiving, releasing or compromising the jurisdiction and authority of the FDIC in the exercise of its supervisory or regulatory authority or to diminish its ability to institute administrative enforcement proceedings seeking removal, prohibition or any other administrative enforcement action which may arise by operation of law, rule or regulation.

3. Notwithstanding any other provision, this Agreement does not purport to waive, or intend to waive, any claims which could be brought by the United States through either the Department of Justice, the United States Attorney's Office or any other federal judicial district.

### SECTION V: Representations and Acknowledgements

A. <u>No Admission of Liability</u>. The undersigned parties each acknowledge and agree that the matters set forth in this Agreement constitute the settlement and compromise of disputed claims, and that this Agreement is not an admission or evidence of liability by any of them regarding any claim.

B. <u>Execution in Counterparts</u>. This Agreement may be executed in counterparts by one or more of the parties named herein and all such counterparts when so executed shall

together constitute the final Agreement, as if one document had been signed by all parties hereto; and each such counterpart, upon execution and delivery, shall be deemed a complete original, binding the party or parties subscribed thereto upon the execution by all parties to this Agreement.

C. <u>Binding Effect</u>. Each of the undersigned persons represents and warrants that they are a party hereto or are authorized to sign this Agreement on behalf of the respective party, and that they have the full power and authority to bind such party to each and every provision of this Agreement. This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the undersigned parties and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, representatives, successors and assigns.

D. <u>Cal. Civ. Code § 1542</u>. Each of the Parties agree as further consideration and inducement for this Agreement that is shall apply to all unknown and unanticipated damages resulting from the performance, nonperformance, or manner of performance of the Settling Defendant's functions, duties and actions as an appraiser related to the loan at issue in the Action, as well as those now disclosed. The provisions of Section 1542 of the Civil Code of the State of California are hereby expressly waived, and the Parties understand that said section provides:

A general release does not extent to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor.

E. <u>Choice of Law</u>. This Agreement shall be interpreted, construed and enforced according to applicable federal law, or in its absence, the laws of the State of California.

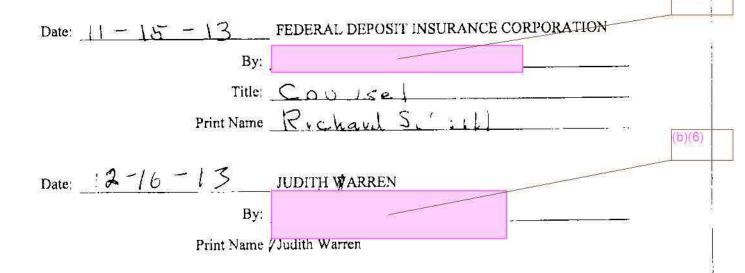
F. Entire Agreement and Amendments. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement and understanding between and among the undersigned parties concerning the matters set forth herein. This Agreement may not be amended or modified except by another written instrument signed by the party or parties to be bound thereby, or by their respective authorized attorney(s) or other representative(s).

G. <u>Reasonable Cooperation</u>.

1. The undersigned parties agree to cooperate in good faith to effectuate all the terms and conditions of this Agreement.

2. Further, the Settling Defendant agrees to cooperate fully with the FDIC in connection with any action required under this Agreement.

H. <u>Advice of Counsel</u>. Each party hereby acknowledges that it has consulted with and obtained the advice of counsel prior to executing this Agreement, and that this Agreement has been explained to that party by his or her counsel. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed by each of them or their duly authorized representatives on the dates hereinafter subscribed.



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