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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF ST. LOUIS COUNTY
STATE OF MISSOURI

In the matter of:

THOMAS DECKELMAN,	)	
Petitioner	)	
	)	**Cause No. 22SL-DR02215**
v.	)	
	)	
SARA DECKELMAN,	)	**Division No. 32**
Respondent	)	

ORDER OF REFERENCE TO SPECIAL MASTER

Upon a showing of exceptional circumstances, the Court, pursuant to Rule 68.01, hereby appoints Simone A. Haberstock, an attorney duly licensed to practice law in the State of Missouri, as Special Master, to hear and determine the calculation and division of the marital/separate portion of retirement/pension/profit sharing accounts held by the parties; to establish the valuation (gross and net after tax value) of restricted stock units which are to be divided between the parties; and to reallocate special master fees if one party is unreasonably uncooperative or unreasonably drives up special master costs, as further detailed in the Court's Judgment and the Marital Settlement Agreement.

The court finds that Simone A. Haberstock is not kin to either party nor is she interested in the outcome of the action.

Pursuant to Rule 68.01, prior to hearing any testimony, the Special Master shall take and subscribe an oath, before an officer duly authorized to administer an oath, faithfully to hear and examine the matters at issue, and to make a just, impartial, and true report to this Court. The Special Master shall be compensated for his time spent hearing and determining the issues at the currently hourly rate charged by the Special Master. Further:

1. All issues, as described herein, are hereby referred to the Special Master for purposes of hearing, determination and report. The Special Master is authorized and directed by the court.to determine all motions now pending before this court and any motions that may subsequently be filed by any of the parties, including, but not limited to disputes among the parties regarding the calculation and division of the marital/separate portion of retirement/pension/profit sharing accounts held by the parties; to establish the valuation (gross and net after tax value) of restricted stock units which are to be divided between the parties; and to reallocate special master fees if one party is unreasonably uncooperative or unreasonably drives up special master costs, as further detailed in the Court's Judgment and the Marital Settlement Agreement.

2. The Special Master is directed to determine the calculation of the marital/separate portion and the division of retirement/pension/profit sharing accounts held by the parties; to establish the valuation (gross and net after tax value) of restricted stock units which are to be divided between the parties; and to reallocate special master fees if one party is unreasonably uncooperative or unreasonably drives up special master costs, as further detailed in the Court's Judgment and the Marital Settlement Agreement.

3. In the event that a party requests that the Special Master attend a deposition, the party making said request shall serve notice within seven (7) days after receipt of the notice of deposition that the Special Master's presence is requested. The Special Master shall receive seven (7) days' notice if his presence is requested at a deposition, unless time is shortened by the court or the Special Master. In order to facilitate the orderly completion of depositions, the parties shall cooperate with the Special Master to permit his attendance at such depositions by telephone, and/or for limited periods of time (during which time disputed issues shall be resolved, certified

questions shall be ruled upon, and other issues requiring a determination by the Special Master shall be heard).

4. The Special Master shall receive evidence and make a record of any hearings and shall report the evidence and other proceedings in this cause and shall file his report of the issues within the time prescribed by law, or within such other time as the parties and the Special Master, or alternatively the court, may determine. The Special Master shall prepare a report upon the matters submitted by the order of reference and if required to make findings of fact and conclusions of law shall set them forth in the report. If either party files requests for findings of fact and conclusions of law, and if a party requests the opportunity to file proposed findings of fact, conclusions of law and judgment, then both parties will have the right to file such proposals before the Special Master files his report. She shall file the report with the clerk of the court together with a transcript of the proceedings including the evidence and exhibits, if any. The clerk shall forthwith mail to all parties notice of the filing and a copy of the Special Master's report.

5. Unless waived by the parties, any testimonial motion before the Special Master shall be recorded by a duly certified court reporter in the State of Missouri so that the Special Master, the parties hereto, or the court may subsequently request a transcription of those proceedings, if necessary. Upon request of either party, any non-testimonial motion shall be recorded as above.

6. The Special Master shall have all powers conferred upon Special Masters pursuant to Missouri Supreme Court Rule 68.01 and to do all acts and take all measures necessary or proper for the efficient performance of the duties under this order, the same as this court in court tried cases.

7. The authority of the Special Master, as set forth herein, shall terminate as provided

in further court order, or at such time as this court shall determine at the time of the completion of his findings, conclusions, and determination.

8. Nothing in this order shall be construed as a waiver of any party's right to have the Special Master's report reviewed and approved by this court, and nothing in this order shall be construed as a waiver of any substantive or procedural right under the law even though not specifically enumerated in this order. However, the parties agree that any ruling on a non-testimonial motions shall not be challenged to this court but shall be approved by this court.

9. The Special Master shall be entitled to reimbursement for the Special Master's out of pocket costs and for the Special Master's time at his current hourly rate. All Special Master fees and costs shall be paid 50% by each party.

So Ordered: _____ Date: 10/30/23

Judge Julia Pusateri Lasater, Div. 32

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