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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA  
DOTHAN DIVISION**

**U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MONTGOMERY, ALABAMA**

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| <b>In re:</b>                            | <b>Chapter 11</b>            |
| <b>SMALL LOANS INC.</b>                  | <b>Case No. 11-12254-WRS</b> |
| <b>THE MONEY TREE INC.</b>               | <b>Case No. 11-12255-WRS</b> |
| <b>THE MONEY TREE OF LOUISIANA, INC.</b> | <b>Case No. 11-12256-WRS</b> |
| <b>THE MONEY TREE OF FLORIDA, INC.</b>   | <b>Case No. 11-12257-WRS</b> |
| <b>THE MONEY TREE OF GEORGIA, INC.</b>   | <b>Case No. 11-12258-WRS</b> |
| <b>Debtors</b>                           |                              |

**MOTION FOR ENTRY OF ORDER ADMITTING  
CHRISTIAN J. STEINMETZ III TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

CHRISTIAN J. STEINMETZ III, a Member of the law firm of GANNAM, GNANN & STEINMETZ, LLC (the "Firm"), respectfully requests permission to appear *pro hac vice* in the above-captioned cases, In Re: Small Loans, Inc., Case No. 11-12254-WRS, and the related bankruptcy proceedings for The Money Tree, Inc., Case No. 11-12255-WRS, The Money Tree of Louisiana, Inc., Case No. 11-12256-WRS, The Money Tree of Florida, Inc., Case No. 11-12257-WRS, The Money Tree of Georgia, Inc., Case No. 11-12258-WRS.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2090-1 and Rule 83.1 of the Local Rules of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama, I submit that I am qualified to appear before this Court for the reasons set forth below.

Gannam, Gnann & Steinmetz LLC represents LARRY B. GOGGINS, a resident of Chatham County, Georgia, who has filed claims against Debtors The Money Tree, Inc. and The Money Tree of

<sup>1</sup> This Court ordered that these five cases be jointly administered on January 5, 2012. See (Order for Joint Administration) (Case No. 11-12254, Dk. 62)

Georgia, Inc. The Firm began serving **LARRY B. GOGGINS** in connection with his claims against The Money Tree, Inc. and The Money Tree of Georgia, Inc. shortly after these corporations filed bankruptcy. The Firm seeks admission to this Court to help protect the interests of **LARRY B. GOGGINS** in these proceedings.

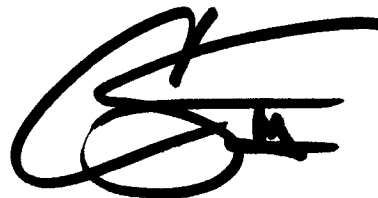
Christian J. Steinmetz III is a member in good standing with the State Bar of Georgia, Georgia Bar No. 278260. He has been admitted to practice before all Georgia Courts, including the Georgia Court of Appeals and the Georgia Supreme Court. He has also been admitted to practice before the United States District Courts for the Southern and Middle Districts of Georgia. He has reviewed the Local Rules for the United States District Court for the Middle District of Alabama and the Local Rules for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Middle District of Alabama and agrees to abide by them.

A certificate of good standing for Christian J. Steinmetz III from the United States District Court for the Southern District of Georgia, the district in which he resides and regularly practices law, is attached hereto as Exhibit "A" in accordance with Rule 83.1 of the Local District Court Rules.

WHEREFORE, Christian J. Steinmetz III respectfully requests that this Court enter an order admitting him to appear *pro hac vice* before this Court on behalf of **LARRY B. GOGGINS** in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases.

Respectfully Submitted, this 11<sup>th</sup> Day Of April, 2012.

GANNAM, GNANN & STEINMETZ LLC



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By: CHRISTIAN J. STEINMETZ III  
Georgia Bar No. 278260

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# EXHIBIT A

**United States District Court**  
***Southern District of Georgia***

**CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING**

I, Scott L. Poff, Clerk of the United States District Court, of the Southern District of Georgia

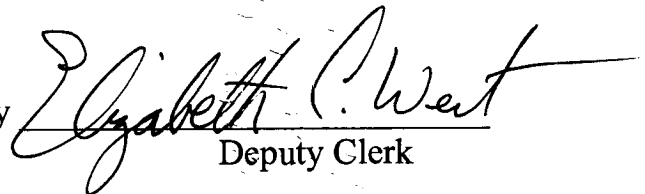
**DO HEREBY CERTIFY** Christian J. Steinmetz, III was  
duly admitted to practice in said Court on March 4, 1994 and is in good  
standing as a member of the bar of said Court.

Dated at Savannah, GA

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Scott L. Poff  
Clerk

on April 11, 2012

By

  
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Deputy Clerk

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**ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO APPEAR PRO HAC VICE**

Upon considering the motion filed by Christian J. Steinmetz III to appear *pro hac vice* on behalf of  
Larry B. Goggins it is

ORDERED that the motion is GRANTED.

Submitted by:  
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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I HEREBY CERTIFY that I have on this day served a copy of *Motion for Entry of Order Admitting Christian J. Steinmetz III to Appear Pro Hac Vice* on the following parties via the Court's Electronic Case Filing (ECF) system:

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| Bill D. Bensinger, Esq.<br>Jan M. Hayden, Esq.<br>Max A. Moseley, Esq.<br>Baker Donelson Bearman Caldwell & Berkow<br>420 20 <sup>th</sup> N; Suite 1600<br>Birmingham, AL 35203<br><i>Attorneys for Debtors</i><br><i>Small Loans, Inc.</i><br><i>The Money Tree, Inc.; The Money Tree of Louisiana, Inc.</i><br><i>The Money Tree of Florida, Inc.; The Money Tree of Georgia, Inc.</i> | Teresa Jacobs<br>U.S. Bankruptcy Administrator<br>One Church Street<br>Montgomery, AL 36104 |
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THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF APRIL, 2012.

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CHRISTIAN J. STEINMETZ III

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April 12, 2012

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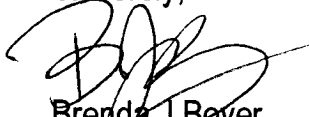
Enclosed please find an original and two copies of each of the following documents in connection with the above-captioned matter:

1. **Motion for Entry of Order Admitting Christian J. Steinmetz III to appear *Pro Hac Vice*; and**
2. **Our Firm's Check # 8726 in the amount of \$50.00 which represents your filing fee.**

Please file the same in your usual manner, and please return at least one file-stamped copy to me in the enclosed self-addressed-stamped envelope.

Please call me with any questions, and please accept my thanks for your assistance.

Sincerely,



Brenda J Boyer  
Paralegal to Christian J. Steinmetz III

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Enclosures  
Cc: Larry B. Googins