

EXHIBIT A

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA, SOUTHERN DIVISION**

In Re:)	Case No: 11-12254-WRS-11
)	
SMALL LOANS, INC., et al.)	Chapter 11
)	
Debtors.)	Jointly Administered

**AFFIDAVIT OF JERRY L. ROBINSON IN SUPPORT OF APPLICATION PURSUANT
TO FED. R. BANK. P. 2014(a) FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER UNDER SECTION 327(a)
OF THE BANKRUPTCY CODE AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT AND
RETENTION OF RENOVA PARTNERS, LLC AS
BROKER FOR THE CHAPTER 11 TRUSTEE**

STATE OF Georgia)
COUNTY OF Fulton)

Before me, the undersigned notary, personally appeared Jerry L. Robinson, who being known to me and first duly sworn, deposes and states the following:

1. I am a managing director of Renova Partners, LLC ("Renova Partners" or the "Firm"), which maintains offices at 3300 Cumberland Blvd., Suite 225, Atlanta, Georgia 30339. I make this Affidavit in support of the Application for Approval of Employment of Renova Partners, LLC as Broker for the Trustee.

2. As a managing director of Renova Partners, I am one of the persons who has custody and control of the Firm's business records regarding Small Loans, Inc., The Money Tree, Inc., The Money Tree of Louisiana, Inc., The Money Tree of Florida Inc., and The Money Tree of Georgia Inc. (collectively, the "Debtors") and these chapter 11 cases. These records were made at or near the time of the event recorded by a person (or persons) with knowledge of the event and charged with the responsibility for recording such events. These records are kept in the ordinary course of Renova Partners' business activities, which is the customary practice of Renova Partners. I have reviewed Renova Partners' records regarding the Debtors and these

chapter 11 cases, which leads me to the summary set forth herein. All facts and procedures set forth herein are either (a) facts or procedures of which I have personal knowledge or (b) an accurate summary of Renova Partners' business records and practices.

3. This Affidavit is submitted in support of the application (the "Application") of S. Gregory Hays (the "Trustee") for an order pursuant to Sections 327(a) and 328(a) of Title 11 of the United States Code (as amended, the "Bankruptcy Code") and Fed. R. Bank. P. 2014(a), 2016 and 5002 authorizing the employment and retention of Renova Partners as broker for the Trustee appointed in the above captioned case.

Services To Be Provided

4. The Trustee seeks to retain Renova Partners as the Trustee's broker because of the Firm's extensive experience and knowledge with regard to the matters for which Renova Partners is to be engaged. The Trustee believes that Renova Partners is both well qualified and uniquely able to represent the Trustee in an efficient and timely manner.

5. Renova Partners does not intend to apply for compensation for services rendered or for reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the chapter 11 cases. Rather, subject to approval by the Court, the Trustee proposes to enter into an agreement with Renova Partners whereby the Firm will be paid a success fee equal to one and one half percent (1.5%) of the gross price paid for all assets sold on behalf of the Trustee (the "Success Fee"). At the same time, Renova Partners will charge monthly work fees to the Trustee in the amount of \$16,667.00 per month up to an aggregate amount of not less than \$100,000.00 (the "Minimum Fee"). The Success Fee will only be paid after first crediting the amount of the Minimum Fee paid to the Firm. In other words, Renova Partners will not be paid both the Minimum Fee and the Success Fee, but will instead receive either the \$100,000.00 Minimum Fee or the Success Fee, whichever

is larger. Moreover, in order for the Success Fee to be larger than the \$100,000.00 Minimum Fee, the Firm will have to broker asset sales (the "Asset Sales") on behalf of the Trustee in a gross amount that exceeds \$6,666,667.00 (1.5% of \$6,666,667.00 = \$100,000.00).¹ Finally, and even if the Asset Sales are not completed, the Trustee will reimburse Renova Partners for its actual and necessary expenses (including travel expenses) in an amount not to exceed \$5,000.00 so long as there are funds in the Estates available to pay these expenses. This compensation is consistent with the fees charged by Renova Partners in bankruptcy and non-bankruptcy matters of this type. A copy of the Letter of Understanding and Agreement executed by and between the Trustee and Renova Partners, which more specifically describes the terms of the Firm's employment and the compensation that will be paid to the Firm, is attached to the Application as **Exhibit "B."**

6. The professional services that Renova Partners will render to the Trustee may include, but are not limited to, the following:

- (a) assisting the Trustee in consideration of various asset sales alternatives, including an assessment of the Potential Purchasers of the Assets;
- (b) identifying and contacting Potential Purchasers who may be interested in making a bid for the Assets;
- (c) assisting in the introduction to Potential Purchasers and facilitating due diligence of the operations in connection with their evaluation of the offered Assets; and
- (d) circulating appropriate bids to qualified parties who may be interested in expressing additional bids through a bankruptcy auction process and procedures concerning the sale transactions described herein;
- (e) managing the auction process and assisting the Trustee in closing any and all auction transactions.²

¹ To the extent that a Success Fee is owed to Renova Partners, it will only be paid upon the closing of the Asset Sales.

² To the extent not otherwise defined herein, the terms and phrases used in this paragraph shall have the same meaning as defined in the Letter of Understanding and Agreement executed by and between the Trustee and Renova Partners that is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A."**

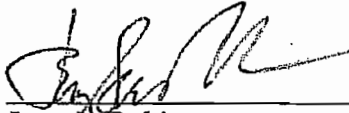
7. To the best of my knowledge, Renova Partners has not represented the Debtors' creditors, equity security holders, or any other parties in interest, or their respective attorneys and accountants, the Bankruptcy Administrator or any person employed in the office of the Bankruptcy Administrator in any matters relating to the Debtors or their estates.

8. To the extent that Renova Partners identifies any other parties in interest which the Firm has represented, or currently represents, Renova Partners will disclose such information as it becomes known.

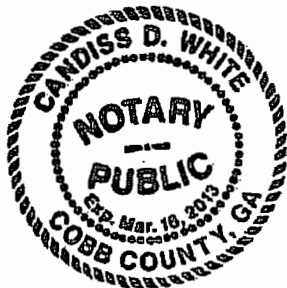
9. To the best of my knowledge, neither I nor Renova Partners holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or the Debtors' estates.


10. Renova Partners has not shared, nor agreed to share any compensation or reimbursement it has received or will receive from the Trustee, other than with the members, principals, and employees of Renova Partners.

Further affiant saith not.


Jerry D. Robinson

Sworn to and subscribed before me on this the 9th day of May, 2012.




NOTARY PUBLIC
My Commission Expires: March 16, 2013