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October 14, 2021

**VIA U.S. MAIL**

Consumer Protection Bureau  
Office of the New Hampshire Attorney General  
33 Capitol Street  
Concord, NH 03301

**Re: Notice of Data Event**

Dear Sir or Madam:

We represent Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann, L.L.C. ("SPWW") located at 909 Poydras Street, Suite 3150, New Orleans, LA 70112, and are writing to notify your office of an incident that may affect the security of some personal information relating to two (2) New Hampshire residents. The investigation into this matter is ongoing, and this notice will be supplemented with any new significant facts learned subsequent to its submission. By providing this notice, SPWW does not waive any rights or defenses regarding the applicability of New Hampshire law, the applicability of the New Hampshire data event notification statute, or personal jurisdiction.

**Nature of the Data Event**

On or about February 24, 2021 SPWW discovered suspicious activity impacting the operability of certain systems. SPWW quickly launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of this incident, working with industry-leading computer forensics specialists to determine what happened and what information may have been affected. The investigation identified a limited number of files and folders as potentially accessed by the unknown actor. SPWW completed a thorough review to determine whether sensitive information was present in the impacted files and folders. Upon receiving the initial results of the review, SPWW worked diligently to locate address information for the affected individuals and completed that effort on September 14, 2021.

The information that could have been subject to unauthorized access includes name, address, and Social Security number.

### **Notice to New Hampshire Residents**

On or about October 14, 2021, SPWW provided written notice of this incident to affected individuals, which includes two (2) New Hampshire residents. Written notice is being provided in substantially the same form as the letter attached here as *Exhibit A*.

### **Other Steps Taken and To Be Taken**


Upon discovering the event, SPWW moved quickly to investigate and respond to the incident, assess the security of SPWW systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. SPWW is also working to implement additional safeguards and training to its employees. SPWW is providing access to credit monitoring services for one (1) year through Kroll, to individuals whose personal information was potentially affected by this incident, at no cost to these individuals.

Additionally, SPWW is providing impacted individuals with guidance on how to better protect against identity theft and fraud, including advising individuals to report any suspected incidents of identity theft or fraud to their credit card company and/or bank. SPWW is providing individuals with information on how to place a fraud alert and security freeze on one's credit file, the contact details for the national consumer reporting agencies, information on how to obtain a free credit report, a reminder to remain vigilant for incidents of fraud and identity theft by reviewing account statements and monitoring free credit reports, and encouragement to contact the Federal Trade Commission, their state Attorney General, and law enforcement to report attempted or actual identity theft and fraud.

### **Contact Information**

Should you have any questions regarding this notification or other aspects of the data security event, please contact us at (267) 930-6836.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Carolyn Purwin Ryan". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "Carolyn" written in a larger, more prominent script than the last name "Purwin Ryan".

Carolyn Purwin Ryan of  
MULLEN COUGHLIN LLC

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# **EXHIBIT A**

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.  
counsellors at law

<<Date>> (Format: Month Day, Year)

<<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>  
<<address\_1>>  
<<address\_2>>  
<<city>>, <<state\_province>> <<postal\_code>>  
<<country>>

Re: Notice of Data Breach

Dear <<first\_name>> <<middle\_name>> <<last\_name>> <<suffix>>,

Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C. (“Stone Pigman”) writes to inform you of an incident that may affect the security of some of your personal information. This notice provides information about the incident, our response, and resources available to you to help protect your information from possible misuse, should you feel it necessary to do so.

**What Happened?** On February 24, 2021, Stone Pigman discovered suspicious activity impacting the operability of certain systems. We quickly launched an investigation to determine the nature and scope of this incident, working with industry-leading computer forensics specialists to determine what happened and what information may have been affected. The investigation identified a limited number of files and folders as potentially accessed by the unknown actor. We completed a thorough review to determine whether sensitive information was present in the impacted files and folders. On September 14, 2021, it was confirmed that some of your personal information was present in the files and folders that may have been accessed. We then worked to locate address information for those whose personal information was accessible within the files and just completed that effort.

**What Information Was Involved?** The investigation determined that the following types of your personal information were present in the potentially accessed files and folders at the time of the incident: <<b2b\_text\_1(name, data elements)>>.

**What We Are Doing.** We take this incident and the security of personal information in our care seriously. Upon learning of this incident, we moved quickly to investigate and respond to this incident, assess the security of relevant systems, and notify potentially affected individuals. Our response included resetting relevant account passwords, reviewing the contents of the potentially accessed files and folders to determine whether they contained protected information, and reviewing internal systems to identify contact information for purposes of providing notice to potentially affected individuals. As part of our ongoing commitment to the security of information we are also reviewing and enhancing existing policies and procedures to reduce the likelihood of a similar future event.

Stone Pigman notified law enforcement of this incident and is notifying relevant state and federal regulators. We are also offering you access to complimentary credit monitoring and identity protection services for 12 months through Kroll. These services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation and Identity Theft Restoration services. If you wish to activate the identity monitoring services, you may follow the instructions included in the *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*.

**What You Can Do.** We encourage you to remain vigilant against incidents of identity theft and fraud, to review your account statements, explanation of benefits, and credit reports for suspicious activity. You may also review the information contained in the attached *Steps You Can Take to Help Protect Your Information*. There you will also find more information on the identity monitoring services we are making available to you. While Stone Pigman will cover the cost of these services, you will need to complete the activation process.

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**For More Information.** We understand that you may have questions about this incident that are not addressed in this letter. If you have additional questions, please call our call center at 1-855-732-0799 Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:30 pm Central Time, excluding some U.S. holidays. You may also write to Stone Pigman at: 909 Poydras St., Suite 3150, New Orleans, LA 70112.

We sincerely regret any inconvenience or concern this incident may have caused.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Walshe". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a prominent loop at the end.

Michael Walshe  
Chair, Management Committee  
Stone Pigman Walther Wittmann L.L.C.

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO HELP PROTECT YOUR INFORMATION

### **Activate Your Identity Monitoring**

Your identity monitoring services include Credit Monitoring, Fraud Consultation, and Identity Theft Restoration. To activate your membership and start monitoring your personal information please follow the steps below:

Visit <https://enroll.krollmonitoring.com> to activate and take advantage of your identity monitoring services.

*You have until **January 21, 2022** to activate your identity monitoring services.*

Membership Number: <<Membership Number s\_n>>



### **TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR IDENTITY MONITORING SERVICES**

You have been provided with access to the following services from Kroll:

#### **Single Bureau Credit Monitoring**

You will receive alerts when there are changes to your credit data—for instance, when a new line of credit is applied for in your name. If you do not recognize the activity, you'll have the option to call a Kroll fraud specialist, who will be able to help you determine if it is an indicator of identity theft.

#### **Fraud Consultation**

You have unlimited access to consultation with a Kroll fraud specialist. Support includes showing you the most effective ways to protect your identity, explaining your rights and protections under the law, assistance with fraud alerts, and interpreting how personal information is accessed and used, including investigating suspicious activity that could be tied to an identity theft event.

#### **Identity Theft Restoration**

If you become a victim of identity theft, an experienced Kroll licensed investigator will work on your behalf to resolve related issues. You will have access to a dedicated investigator who understands your issues and can do most of the work for you. Your investigator will be able to dig deep to uncover the scope of the identity theft, and then work to resolve it.

Kroll's activation website is only compatible with the current version or one version earlier of Chrome, Firefox, Safari and Edge.

To receive credit services, you must be over the age of 18 and have established credit in the U.S., have a Social Security number in your name, and have a U.S. residential address associated with your credit file.

### **Monitor Your Accounts**

Under U.S. law, a consumer is entitled to one free credit report annually from each of the three major credit reporting bureaus, Equifax, Experian, and TransUnion. To order your free credit report, visit [www.annualcreditreport.com](http://www.annualcreditreport.com) or call, toll-free, 1-877-322-8228. You may also directly contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below to request a free copy of your credit report.

Consumers have the right to place an initial or extended "fraud alert" on a credit file at no cost. An initial fraud alert is a 1-year alert that is placed on a consumer's credit file. Upon seeing a fraud alert display on a consumer's credit file, a business is required to take steps to verify the consumer's identity before extending new credit. If you are a victim of identity theft, you are entitled to an extended fraud alert, which is a fraud alert lasting seven years. Should you wish to place a fraud alert, please contact any one of the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below.

As an alternative to a fraud alert, consumers have the right to place a "credit freeze" on a credit report, which will prohibit a credit bureau from releasing information in the credit report without the consumer's express authorization. The credit freeze is designed to prevent credit, loans, and services from being approved in your name without your consent. However, you should be aware that using a credit freeze to take control over who gets access to the personal and financial information in your credit report may delay, interfere with, or prohibit the timely approval of any subsequent request or application you make regarding a new loan, credit, mortgage, or any other account involving the extension of credit. Pursuant to federal law, you cannot be charged to place or lift a credit freeze on your credit report. To request a security freeze, you will need to provide the following information:

1. Full name (including middle initial as well as Jr., Sr., II, III, etc.);
2. Social Security number;
3. Date of birth;
4. Addresses for the prior two to five years;

5. Proof of current address, such as a current utility bill or telephone bill;
6. A legible photocopy of a government-issued identification card (state driver's license or ID card, military identification, etc.); and
7. A copy of either the police report, investigative report, or complaint to a law enforcement agency concerning identity theft if you are a victim of identity theft.

Should you wish to place a fraud alert or credit freeze, please contact the three major credit reporting bureaus listed below:

| <b>Equifax</b>  | <b>Experian</b>   | <b>TransUnion</b>   |
|---|---|---|
| <a href="https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/">https://www.equifax.com/personal/credit-report-services/</a> | <a href="https://www.experian.com/help/">https://www.experian.com/help/</a> | <a href="https://www.transunion.com/credit-help">https://www.transunion.com/credit-help</a> |
| 888-298-0045  | 1-888-397-3742  | 833-395-6938  |
| Equifax Fraud Alert, P.O. Box 105069<br>Atlanta, GA 30348-5069  | Experian Fraud Alert, P.O. Box<br>9554, Allen, TX 75013                     | TransUnion Fraud Alert, P.O. Box<br>2000, Chester, PA 19016                                 |
| Equifax Credit Freeze, P.O. Box 105788<br>Atlanta, GA 30348-5788  | Experian Credit Freeze, P.O. Box<br>9554, Allen, TX 75013                   | TransUnion Credit Freeze, P.O. Box<br>160, Woodlyn, PA 19094                                |

If your username and password were impacted, it is recommended that you promptly change your password and security question and answer, as applicable, or take other steps appropriate to protect the potentially accessible online account information and all other online accounts for which the same username, email address, password, and security question and answer are used.

#### **Additional Information**

You may further educate yourself regarding identity theft, fraud alerts, credit freezes, and the steps you can take to protect your personal information by contacting the consumer reporting bureaus, the Federal Trade Commission, or your state Attorney General. The Federal Trade Commission may be reached at: 600 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Washington, DC 20580; [www.identitytheft.gov](http://www.identitytheft.gov); 1-877-ID-THEFT (1-877-438-4338); and TTY: 1-866-653-4261. The Federal Trade Commission also encourages those who discover that their information has been misused to file a complaint with them. You can obtain further information on how to file such a complaint by way of the contact information listed above. You have the right to file a police report if you ever experience identity theft or fraud. Please note that in order to file a report with law enforcement for identity theft, you will likely need to provide some proof that you have been a victim. Instances of known or suspected identity theft should also be reported to law enforcement and your state Attorney General. This notice has not been delayed by law enforcement.

*For District of Columbia residents*, the District of Columbia Attorney General may be contacted at: 441 4th St. NW #1100 Washington, D.C. 20001; 202-727-3400; and [oag@dc.gov](mailto:oag@dc.gov).

*For Maryland residents*, the Maryland Attorney General may be contacted at: 200 St. Paul Place, 16th Floor, Baltimore, MD 21202; 1-410-528-8662 or 1-888-743-0023; and [www.oag.state.md.us](http://www.oag.state.md.us). Stone Pigman is located at 909 Poydras St., Suite 3150, New Orleans, LA 70112.

*For North Carolina residents*, the North Carolina Attorney General may be contacted at: 9001 Mail Service Center, Raleigh, NC 27699-9001; 1-877-566-7226 or 1-919-716-6000; and [www.ncdoj.gov](http://www.ncdoj.gov).

*For Rhode Island residents*, the Rhode Island Attorney General may be reached at: 150 South Main Street, Providence, RI 02903; [www.riag.ri.gov](http://www.riag.ri.gov); and 1-401-274-4400. Under Rhode Island law, you have the right to obtain any police report filed in regard to this incident. There are two Rhode Island residents impacted by this incident.

*For New Mexico residents*, you have rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, such as the right to be told if information in your credit file has been used against you, the right to know what is in your credit file, the right to ask for your credit score, and the right to dispute incomplete or inaccurate information. Further, pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act, the consumer reporting bureaus must correct or delete inaccurate, incomplete, or unverifiable information; consumer reporting agencies may not report outdated negative information; access to your file is limited; you must give your consent for credit reports to be provided to employers; you may limit "prescreened" offers of credit and insurance you get based on information in your credit report; and you may seek damages from violator. You may have additional rights under the Fair Credit Reporting Act not summarized here. Identity theft victims and active duty military personnel have specific additional rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act. We encourage you to review your rights pursuant to the Fair Credit Reporting Act by visiting [www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504\\_cfpb\\_summary\\_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf](http://www.consumerfinance.gov/f/201504_cfpb_summary_your-rights-under-fcra.pdf), or by writing Consumer Response Center, Room 130-A, Federal Trade Commission, 600 Pennsylvania Ave. N.W., Washington, D.C. 20580.

*For New York residents*, the New York Attorney General may be contacted at: Office of the Attorney General, The Capitol, Albany, NY 12224-0341; 1-800-771-7755; or <https://ag.ny.gov/>.