IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
TAMPA DIVISION

New York Life Insurance Company,
Plaintiff,

v. Case No. 8:18-cv-2676-JSM-TGW

Reba Hutchinson, Melissa Mae Hutchinson, individually, and Melissa Mae Hutchinson, as Administrator of the Estate of Dwayne L. Hutchinson,
Defendants.
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Reba Hutchinson,
Cross-Plaintiff,

v.

Melissa Mae Hutchinson, individually, and Melissa Mae Hutchinson, as Administrator of the Estate of Dwayne L. Hutchinson,
Cross-Defendants.
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Melissa Mae Hutchinson, individually and Melissa Made Hutchinson, as Administrator of the Estate of Dwayne L. Hutchinson,
Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

Metropolitan Life Insurance Company, Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board and Thrift Savings Plan,
Third-Party Defendants.
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FINAL JUDGMENT AND ORDER OF INTERPLEADER DISBURSEMENT

On the Joint Motion for Entry of Final Judgment and Order of Interpleader Disbursement (the "Motion") filed by Third-Party Plaintiff and Interpleader and Cross-Defendant, Melissa Mae Hutchinson, individually, and as Administrator of the Estate of Dwayne L. Hutchinson ("Melissa"); Interpleader Defendant and Cross-Plaintiff Reba Hutchinson ("Reba"); and Third-Party Defendant, the Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board ("FRTIB"), the Court finds, adjudges, and orders as follows:

1. This suit involves a dispute regarding: 1) a life insurance policy issued by New York Life Insurance Company ("NYLIC"); a Federal Employees' Group Life Insurance Program ("FEGLI") policy administered by Metropolitan Life Insurance Company ("MetLife"); and 3) a Thrift Savings Plan ("TSP") account administered by The Federal Retirement Thrift Investment Board ("FRTIB").

2. On November 14, 2018, NYLIC deposited the NYLIC Policy's death benefit plus applicable interest totaling $119,145.90 into the registry of the Court (ECF No. 8). On December 6, 2018, all claims against NYLIC were dismissed and it was terminated as a party. (ECF No. 22).

3. On May 20, 2019, an Order granted MetLife relief to interplead the $143,355.94 proceeds of the life insurance policy, allowing it to deposit these sums into the registry of the Court. (ECF No. 54). On June 18, 2018, MetLife deposited the Policy's death benefit plus applicable interest totaling $143,355.94 into the registry of the Court. (ECF No. 59). On June 21, 2019, all claims against MetLife were dismissed and it was terminated as a party. (ECF No. 62).

4. There is $262,501.84, plus accumulated interest, on deposit with the registry of the Court (the "Registry Funds").

5. There is approximately $410,619.23 in Dwayne Hutchinson's TSP account administered by FRTIB, with the exact amount fluctuating with the value of investments held within the account (the "TSP Funds").

6. Melissa, Reba, and FRTIB have agreed to settle any and all claims they have against each other arising out of and related to the Dwayne's death, and have entered into a Settlement Agreement outlining the terms of the settlement.

Therefore, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement of Melissa, Reba, and FRTIB, and the record in this matter:

IT IS ORDERED that from the Registry Funds, Reba Hutchinson is entitled to and the Clerk shall disburse Sixty-Five Thousand Six-Hundred Twenty-Five Dollars and Forty-Six Cents ($65,625.46) payable to: "Ward-Mitchell Trust Account" and mailed to: Ryan Mitchell (Attorney for Reba Hutchinson), Ward-Mitchell, 701 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from the Registry Funds, Melissa Hutchinson is entitled to and the Clerk shall disburse One-Hundred Ninety-Six Thousand Eight-Hundred Seventy-Six Dollars and Thirty-Eight Cents ($196,876.38) payable to: "Interpleader Law, LLC IOLTA" and mailed to: William J. Perry, Interpleader Law, LLC, 9015 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Reba Hutchinson is entitled to and the Clerk shall disburse Twenty-Five Percent (25%) of any accrued interest on the entirety of the

Registry Funds deposited, less 25% of any assessed fee for the administration of the Registry Funds, payable to: "Ward-Mitchell Trust Account" and mailed to: Ryan Mitchell (Attorney for Reba Hutchinson), Ward-Mitchell, 701 Bayshore Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33606.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Melissa Hutchinson is entitled to and the Clerk shall disburse Seventy-Five Percent (75%) of any accrued interest on the entirety of the Registry Funds deposited, less 75% of any assessed fee for the administration of the Registry Funds, payable to: "Interpleader Law, LLC IOLTA" and mailed to: William J. Perry, Interpleader Law, LLC, 9015 Bluebonnet Blvd., Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from the TSP Funds, Reba Hutchinson is entitled to, and the FRTIB is directed to pay to her, the amount set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that from the TSP Funds, Melissa Hutchinson is entitled to, and the FRTIB is directed to pay to her, the amount set forth in the Settlement Agreement.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that any and all claims of whatsoever nature that Melissa, Reba, and FRTIB had or may have against each other arising out of and/or related to the death of Dwayne Hutchinson, including this litigation, are dismissed with prejudice.

DONE AND ORDERED in Tampa, Florida this 12 day of Nov., 2019.

James S. Moody, Jr.
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE