Attorney or Party Name, Address, Telephone & FAX Nos., State Bar No. & FOR COURT USE ONLY Email Address Laurence P. Nokes (SBN 106113) **NOKES & QUINN** 410 Broadway Street, Suite 200 FILED Laguna Beach, CA 92651 (949) 376-3500 office (949) 376-3070 fax Inokes@nokesquinn.com CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA BY: Deputy Clerk Deputy Clark Individual appearing without attorney Attorney for: JOHN FRANKEL, an individual **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT** $\overline{}$ CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA - SANTA ANA DIVISION CASE NO.: 8:14-bk-11492-ES In re: CHAPTER: 11 THE TULVING COMPANY, INC., a California corporation, NOTICE OF OPPOSITION AND REQUEST FOR A HEARING Debtor(s).

- 1. TO (specify name): the Debtor and Its Counsel
- 2. NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that <u>John Frankel</u>, an individual a party in interest, hereby opposes the following request (*specify that which is opposed*):

Application of the Chapter 11 Trustee for The Tulving Company, Inc. for Order Approving Employment of Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP as General Counsel to the Trustee NUNC PRO TUNC

3. This opposition is based upon the following grounds (specify grounds):

Fees are unreasonably high. It is requested that fees for lawyers not exceed \$375 per hour, and fees for paralegals not exceed \$125 per hour. Fees to lawyers representing non-creditors will exhaust all funds available to pay claims. Our client is the victim of a fraud and wants to be sure that as much money as possible will be available to pay his claim.



4.	Attached hereto are the following documents in support of this opposition which are admissible under the Federal Rules of Evidence (specify declarations and exhibits by name or description):
	1) Declaration of Laurence P. Nokes;
	2) Exhibit A: Complaint for: Breach of Contract; Fraud; Conversion;
	 Exhibit 1 to Complaint: Invoices numbered 520322 and 520429 dated July 2013, in agreement of sale by The Tulving Company / purchase by Frankel of qty. 120 one-ounce American Eagle gold coins;
	4) Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Request for Judicial Notice of Complaint
5.	(Optional) Attached hereto is a Memorandum of Points and Authorities upon which opposing party will rely.
6.	Total number of attached pages of supporting documentation: 12
	ly reply to this opposition must be filed with the court and served on this opposing party not later than 7 days prior to the aring on the motion.
W	HEREFORE, the undersigned prays that this court deny the subject request and set this matter for a hearing.
Da	ate: 04/10/2014 Respectfully submitted,
	NOKES & QUINN
	Printed name of law firm
	Signature

Printed name

Laurence P. Nokes (SBN 106113)

Attorney for: JOHN FRANKEL, an individual

- 3. The concern of my client who has filed a lawsuit against the debtor and the debtor's principal in Orange County Superior Court for breach of contract, fraud and conversion (a true and correct copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit A), and of which the court is requested to take judicial notice under Fed. R. Evid. section 201, is that the entire fund available to pay creditors will be devoured by attorney hourly rates. The lawyers for the trustee, who I am informed and believe is also a lawyer, will impact the funds available to pay those who were truly harmed in this case, the creditors.
- 4. I believe it is in the best interest of the estate to be circumspect regarding the expenditure of administrative expenses, and to maximize recovery to the creditors. A combined attorney and paralegal rate of over \$1,100 per hour does not, in my view, accomplish that goal.

I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the State of California that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this 10th day of April 2014 at Laguna Beach, California.

Laurence/P. Nokes

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EXHIBIT A

1	LAURENCE P. NOKES, Bar No. 106113	ELECTRONICALLY FILED
2	THOMAS P. QUINN, JR., Bar No. 132268 NOKES & QUINN	Superior Court of California, County of Orange
3	410 Broadway Street, Suite 200	03/04/2014 at 10:12:45 AM
4	Laguna Beach, CA 92651 Tel: (949) 376-3500	Clerk of the Superior Court By Diana Cuevas, Deputy Clerk
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7	Attorneys for Plaintiff John Frankel	
8	SUPERIOR COURT OF S	STATE OF CALIFORNIA
9	COUNTY OF ORANGE – CI	ENTRAL JUSTICE CENTER
10	JOHN FRANKEL, an individual	CASE NO.: 30-2014-00708789-CU-BC-CJC
11	Plaintiff.	Judge Kirk Nakamura
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13	HANNES TULVING, an individual, THE	COMPLAINT FOR:
14	TULVING COMPANY, a California corporation; and DOES 1-50, inclusive,	1. BREACH OF CONTRACT 2. FRAUD
15	Defendants.	3. CONVERSION
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19	Plaintiff JOHN FRANKEL ("FRANKEL") alleg	•
20		times herein relevant was, an individual residing
21	in the State of New Jersey.	that basis alleges that Defendant HANNES
22	2. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on TULVING ("TULVING") is, and at all times he	
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2 7 25	•	is, and at all times referenced herein was, a
25 26:	corporation organized under the laws of the Stat	
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- individual, corporate or otherwise named herein as DOES 1-50, and therefore names these
- defendants by their fictitious names. Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges 2
- that each of the DOE defendants is legally responsible in some manner for the events and 3
- happenings herein referred to, and that when the true names and capacities are discovered, 4
- Plaintiff will seek leave of the court to amend this complaint to add their true names and 5
- capacities once discovered. 6
- Plaintiff is informed and believes and on that basis alleges that at all times relevant herein, 7 5.
- each defendant was the agent and employee of each and all of the other defendants and was 8
- acting in the course of such agency and employment, and each defendant ratified each and every 9
- act, omission, and thing done by each other defendant named herein. 10
- In July 2013, Defendants TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY agreed to sell, and 11
- FRANKEL agreed to purchase, 120 one-ounce, American Eagle gold coins, more particularly 12
- described in two invoices numbered 520429 and 520322. A true and correct copy of these 13
- invoices is attached hereto as Exhibit 1. 14
- FRANKEL made payment in cash and coins totaling \$156,138.00. Said payment was 15 7.
- completed on July 16, 2013. 16
 - To date, the coins purchased by FRANKEL have not been delivered to him by TULVING 8.
- and THE TULVING COMPANY. 18

FIRST CAUSE OF ACTION

(Breach of Contract against TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY)

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-8, as though fully set forth 9.
- 22 herein.

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- Plaintiff has fully performed his obligations under the contract with TULVING and THE 23 10.
- TULVING COMPANY by making payment in full for the coins purchased. 24
- TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY breached the agreement by failing to deliver 25 11.
- the coins purchased and described in the invoices. 26
- As a result of this breach, Plaintiff FRANKEL has been damaged in an amount of 27 12.
- \$156,138.00 plus interest accruing thereon from July 16, 2013. 28

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SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION

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(FRAUD/MISREPRESENTATION AGAINST TULVING AND THE TULVING COMPANY)

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would sell FRANKEL 120 one-ounce, American Eagle gold coins.

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- In early July 2013, Defendant TULVING, individually and as agent for THE TULVING 14.
- COMPANY, represented that, in exchange for cash and coins having a value of \$156,138.00, he
- Said representation was false. In truth, TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY did 15.
- cash and coins to them with no intention of delivering the gold coins as represented. In reliance on said representations, and without knowledge of their falsity, FRANKEL 16.
- delivered cash and coins having a total value of \$156,138.00 to Defendants. FRANKEL had no
- basis to believe that the representations made by TULVING were false because he had previously
- completed transactions with TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY without incident.
- As a result of the fraud of TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY, FRANKEL has 17. been damaged in the sum of \$156,138.00 plus interest.
- The actions of TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY were fraudulent and done 18. with the specific intention of inducing FRANKEL to deliver cash and coins to them as alleged, thereby justifying an award of punitive and exemplary damages against both TULVING and THE TULVING COMPANY.

THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION

(CONVERSION AGAINST TULVING AND THE TULVING COMPANY)

- Plaintiff realleges and incorporates by reference paragraphs 1-18, as though fully set forth 19. herein.
- On or about July 8 and July 16, 2013, Plaintiff FRANKEL delivered cash and coins 20. totaling \$156,138.00 in value to Defendants in exchange for which FRANKEL was to receive 120 one-ounce, American Eagle gold coins from Defendants.
- Defendants failed to deliver the promised coins and since July 16, 2013 have converted 21.

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60	AMGE0001-OM	American Eagle 1 Ounce Gold Coin	1,266.85	76,011.00

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New Specials Everyday. See The Gold Bullion Page On Our Website At www.tulving.com

The Tulving Company is NGC Authorized Dealer #862, PCGS Authorized Dealer #1080, and CCE Dealer.

IMPORTANT NOTICE FACTORS YOU MUST CONSIDER WHEN PURCHASING COINS OR BULLION

RISK: The purchase of coins or bullion items is highly speculative, and involves substantial risk. As in other markets, coin and bullion prices can be extremely volatile, and will rise and fall depending upon market conditions. Therefore, before purchasing coins or bullion, you should first have adequate cash reserves and other assets to absorb a potentially significant loss.

HOLDING PERIOD: Historically, few coins or bullion items have appreciated dramatically in the short term. Therefore, purchasers should recognize that it may well be necessary for them to hold coins or bullion for a 3 - 5 year period, or even a 5 - 10 year period, to have any chance of realizing a significant gain.

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Bill To	1,000
John Frankel	61
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Livingston, NJ 07039	

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520429	Wire	7/15/2013

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Judicial notice may be taken of documents filed and orders or decisions entered in any federal or state court. [See *United States v. Warneke* (7th Cir. 1999) 199 F3d 906, 909, fn. 1; *Fru-Con Const. Corp. v. Controlled Air, Inc.* (8th Cir. 2009) 574 F3d 527, 541, fn. 9. Court may judicially notice proceedings in other courts relating to matters at issue. [*Holder v. Holder* (9th Cir. 2002) 305 F3d 854, 866—appellate court judicially noticed state appellate opinion and briefs to determine that waiver issue was not actually litigated or necessarily decided.] Judicial notice is particularly appropriate for the court's own records in prior litigation related to the case before it. [*Amphibious Partners, LLC v. Redman* (10th Cir. 2008) 534 F3d 1357, 1361–1362—district court was entitled to take judicial notice of its memorandum of order and judgment from previous case involving same parties.]

By the request for judicial notice, Frankel is asking only that the court recognize that the lawsuit has been filed. We are not asking that the court take judicial notice of the truth of the matters asserted, only the magnitude and basis of the claim.

A court may take judicial notice of a document filed in another court "not for the truth of the matters asserted in the other litigation, but rather to establish the fact of such litigation and related filings." [Kramer v. Time Warner Inc. (2nd Cir. 1991) 937 F2d 767, 774; Opoka v. I.N.S. (7th Cir. 1996) 94 F3d 392, 395; Taylor v. Charter Med. Corp. (5th Cir. 1998) 162 F3d 827, 829–830]

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Dated: April 10, 2014

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MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES IN SUPPORT OF REQUEST FOR JUDICIAL NOTICE AND NOTICE OF OPPOSITION AND REQUEST FOR A HEARING

PROOF OF SERVICE OF DOCUMENT

I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 410 Broadway Street, Suite 200, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

A true and correct copy of the foregoing documents entitled: Notice of Opposition and Request for a Hearing; Declaration of Laurence P. Nokes; Exhibit A-Complaint for Breach of Contract, Fraud, Conversion w/exhibit 1; Memorandum of Points and Authorities in Support of Request for Judicial Notice will be served or was served (a) on the judge in chambers in the form and manner required by LBR 5005-2(d); and (b) in the manner stated below:

stated below:
1. TO BE SERVED BY THE COURT VIA NOTICE OF ELECTRONIC FILING (NEF): Pursuant to controlling General Orders and LBR, the foregoing document will be served by the court via NEF and hyperlink to the document. On (date) 04/11/2014, I checked the CM/ECF docket for this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding and determined that the
following persons are on the Electronic Mail Notice List to receive NEF transmission at the email addresses stated below
Service information continued on attached page
2. SERVED BY UNITED STATES MAIL: On (date) 04/11/2014, I served the following persons and/or entities at the last known addresses in this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding by placing a true and correct copy thereof in a sealed envelope in the United States mail, first class, postage prepaid, and addressed as follows. Listing the judge here constitutes a declaration that mailing to the
judge will be completed no later than 24 hours after the document is filed.
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3. SERVED BY PERSONAL DELIVERY, OVERNIGHT MAIL, FACSIMILE TRANSMISSION OR EMAIL (state method for each person or entity served): Pursuant to F.R.Civ.P. 5 and/or controlling LBR, on (date) 04/11/2014. I served the following persons and/or entities by personal delivery, overnight mail service, or (for those who consented in writing to
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