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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, OAKLAND DIVISION**

RICHARD ALLEN CLARIDGE, individual  
and trustee of the Joint Revocable Trust of  
Richard Allen Claridge Jr. & Capri Lynn  
Winser; CAPRI LYNN WINSER; individual  
and trustee of the Joint Revocable Trust of  
Richard Allen Claridge Jr. & Capri Lynn  
Winser; TODD MICHERO, an individual;  
LORI MICHERO, an individual; BROOKE  
SAMPLE, individual and trustee of the First  
Amendment to the Brooke Sample Separate  
Property Trust; SCOTT A. WALKER,  
individual and trustee of The Walker Family  
Living Trust; and ELIZABETH L. WALKER,  
individual and trustee of The Walker Family  
Living Trust, on behalf of themselves and all  
others similarly situated,,

Plaintiffs,

v.

TIMOTHY J. LEFEVER, an individual;  
KENNETH W. MATTSON, an individual;  
LEFEVER MATTSON, INC., a corporation;  
KS MATTSON PARTNERS, LP, a limited  
partnership; LEFEVER MATTSON I, LLC, a  
limited liability company; HOME TAX  
SERVICE OF AMERICA, INC. (d/b/a  
LEFEVER MATTSON PROPERTY  
MANAGEMENT), a corporation; DIVI DIVI  
TREE, LP, a limited partnership; and  
SPECIALTY PROPERTIES PARTNERS, LP,  
a limited partnership,,

Defendants.

Case No. 4:24-cv-04093-JST

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF  
BANKRUPTCY CASE**

Trial Date: None set.

1       **PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that on September 12, 2024 (the “Petition Date”), LeFever  
2 Mattson, a California corporation, and certain affiliates (collectively, the “Debtors”) filed voluntary  
3 petitions for relief under chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code (“the Bankruptcy Code”)  
4 with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of California (Santa Rosa  
5 Division) (the “Bankruptcy Court”).<sup>1</sup> At a hearing held on September 18, 2024, the Bankruptcy  
6 Court ordered that the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases (the “Chapter 11 Cases”) be jointly administered  
7 for procedural purposes only under Lead Case No. 24-10545 (CN), *In re LeFever Mattson*. The  
8 Chapter 11 Cases are pending before the Honorable Charles Novack, United States Bankruptcy  
9 Judge.

10       **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Debtors in the Chapter 11 Cases include  
11 LeFever Mattson, Inc., LeFever Mattson I, LLC, Home Tax Service of America, Inc., and Divi Divi  
12 Tree, LP, defendants herein.

13       **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, pursuant to section 362(a) of the Bankruptcy  
14 Code (the “Automatic Stay”), the filing of a bankruptcy petition “operates as a stay, applicable to  
15 all entities,” of, among other things, “the commencement or continuation, including the issuance or  
16 employment of process, of a judicial, administrative, or other action or proceeding against the debtor  
17 that was or could have been commenced before the commencement of the case under [the  
18 Bankruptcy Code], or to recover a claim against the debtor that arose before the commencement of  
19 the [bankruptcy] case” and “any act to obtain possession of property of the estate or of property  
20 from the estate or to exercise control over property of the estate.” 11 U.S.C. § 362(a)(1), (3). The  
21 causes of action alleged in the Complaint filed in the above-captioned case are claims against one  
22 or more of the Debtors that allegedly arose before the commencement of the Debtors’ Chapter 11  
23 Cases. Accordingly, the above-captioned matter has been automatically stayed pursuant to section  
24 362(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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27 <sup>1</sup> One Debtor, Windscape Apartments, LLC, filed its chapter 11 petition in the Bankruptcy  
28 Court on August 6, 2024.

1       **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that any action taken against the Debtors without  
2 first obtaining relief from the Automatic Stay from the Bankruptcy Court is void *ab initio* and may  
3 result in a finding of contempt for violation of the Automatic Stay. The Debtors reserve and retain  
4 their statutory right to seek relief in the Bankruptcy Court from any action by Complainant(s) or any  
5 judgment, order, or ruling entered in violation of the Automatic Stay.

6       **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that in the event the Court or any parties have  
7 questions regarding the Chapter 11 Cases, please contact bankruptcy counsel for the Debtors:

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