

**ONTARIO
SUPERIOR COURT OF JUSTICE
(COMMERCIAL LIST)**

THE HONOURABLE) MONDAY, THE 14TH DAY
JUSTICE W.D. BLACK)
) OF JULY, 2025

B E T W E E N:

THE TORONTO-DOMINION BANK

Applicant

- and -

**CURRY'S ART STORE LIMITED OPERATING AS CURRY'S ARTISTS MATERIALS
AND CURRY'S ARTISTS' MATERIALS**

Respondent

APPLICATION UNDER SECTION 243(1) OF THE *BANKRUPTCY AND INSOLVENCY ACT*, R.S.C. 1985, C. B-3, AS AMENDED, AND SECTION 101 OF THE *COURTS OF JUSTICE ACT*, R.S.O. 1990, C. C.43, AS AMENDED

**ORDER
(Appointing Monitor)**

THIS APPLICATION made by Toronto-Dominion Bank ("TD"), for an Order pursuant to section 243(1) of the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, R.S.C. 1985, c. B-3, as amended (the "BIA") and section 101 of the *Courts of Justice Act*, R.S.O. 1990, c. C.43, as amended (the "CJA") appointing Albert Gelman Inc. as receiver (in such capacities, the "Receiver") without security, of all of the assets, undertakings and properties of Curry's Art Store Limited operating as Curry's Artists Materials and Curry's Artists' Materials (the "Debtor") acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtor was

heard this day via Zoom videoconference at 330 University Avenue, 9th Floor, Toronto, Ontario.

ON READING the Affidavit of Kathryn Furfaro sworn July 3, 2025 and on reading the Factum of TD, and on hearing the submissions of counsel for TD and John Mark Ghent, the sole director and officer of the Debtor, and on reading the consent of Albert Gelman Inc. to act as the Receiver, filed,

SERVICE

1. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the time for service of the Notice of Application and the Application is hereby abridged and validated so that this Application is properly returnable today and hereby dispenses with further service thereof.

APPOINTMENT

2. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that pursuant to section 101 of the CJA, Albert Gelman Inc. is hereby appointed monitor (in such capacity, the “**Monitor**”), without security, of all the assets, undertakings and properties of the Debtor acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtor and all proceeds thereof (the “**Property**”), with the powers, rights and duties further set out herein.

3. **THIS COURT ORDERS AND DECLARES** that:

- (a) the Monitor shall not take possession or control, nor shall it be deemed to have taken possession or control, of the Debtor’s business or the Property, and that the Debtor shall retain all operational control of the Property, the Debtor’s business and the Debtor’s operations;
- (b) the Monitor shall not be and shall not be deemed to be a receiver for the purposes of subsection 243(1) of the BIA or under any other statute;

- (c) the Monitor shall have none of the obligations of a receiver under Part XI of the BIA, other than section 247, and for greater certainty it shall not send notice of its appointment or this Order to the Superintendent in Bankruptcy or to the known creditors of the Debtor (subject to paragraph 13 of this Order); and
- (d) the appointment of the Monitor shall not be and shall not be deemed to be a change of control of the Debtor.

MONITOR'S POWERS

4. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is hereby empowered and authorized, but not obligated, to act at once and, without in any way limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Monitor is hereby expressly empowered and authorized, but not obligated, to do any of the following where the Monitor considers it necessary or desirable:

- (a) to monitor the Property and any and all proceeds, receipts and disbursements arising out of or from the Property;
- (b) to engage independent security personnel and take physical inventories of the Property, as may be necessary or desirable;
- (c) to monitor the business and operations of the Debtor;
- (d) to engage consultants, appraisers, agents, experts, auditors, accountants, managers, counsel and such other persons from time to time and on whatever basis, including on a temporary basis, to assist with the exercise of the Monitor's powers and duties, including without limitation those conferred by this Order;
- (e) to monitor receipts and disbursements of the Debtor;

- (f) to report to, meet with and discuss with such affected Persons (as defined below) as the Monitor deems appropriate on all matters relating to the Property and the Debtor's business and operations, and to share information, subject to such terms as to confidentiality as the Monitor deems advisable; and
- (g) to take any steps reasonably incidental to the exercise of these powers or the performance of any statutory obligations,

and in each case where the Monitor takes any such actions or steps, it shall be authorized and empowered to do so without interference from the Debtor or any other Person (as defined below).

DUTY TO PROVIDE ACCESS AND CO-OPERATION TO THE MONITOR

5. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that (i) the Debtor, (ii) all of its current and former directors, officers, employees, agents, accountants, legal counsel and shareholders, and all other persons acting on its instructions or behalf, and (iii) all other individuals, firms, corporations, governmental bodies or agencies, or other entities having notice of this Order (all of the foregoing, collectively, being "Persons" and each being a "Person") shall forthwith advise the Monitor of the existence of any Property in such Person's possession or control, and shall grant immediate and continued access to the Property to the Monitor.

6. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all Persons shall forthwith advise the Monitor of the existence of any books, documents, securities, contracts, orders, corporate and accounting records, and any other papers, records and information of any kind related to the business or affairs of the Debtor, and any computer programs, computer tapes, computer disks, or other data storage media containing any such information (the foregoing, collectively, the "Records") in that Person's possession or control, and shall provide to the Monitor or permit the Monitor to make, retain and take away copies thereof

and grant to the Monitor unfettered access to and use of accounting, computer, software and physical facilities relating thereto, provided however that nothing in this paragraph 6 or in paragraph 7 of this Order shall require the delivery of Records, or the granting of access to Records, which may not be disclosed or provided to the Monitor due to the privilege attaching to solicitor-client communication or due to statutory provisions prohibiting such disclosure.

7. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if any Records are stored or otherwise contained on a computer or other electronic system of information storage, whether by independent service provider or otherwise, all Persons in possession or control of such Records shall forthwith give unfettered access to the Monitor for the purpose of allowing the Monitor to recover and fully copy all of the information contained therein whether by way of printing the information onto paper or making copies of computer disks or such other manner of retrieving and copying the information as the Monitor in its discretion deems expedient, and shall not alter, erase or destroy any Records without the prior written consent of the Monitor. Further, for the purposes of this paragraph, all Persons shall provide the Monitor with all such assistance in gaining immediate access to the information in the Records as the Monitor may in its discretion require including providing the Monitor with instructions on the use of any computer or other system and providing the Monitor with any and all access codes, account names and account numbers that may be required to gain access to the information.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE MONITOR

8. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that no proceeding or enforcement process in any court or tribunal (each, a "Proceeding"), shall be commenced or continued against the Monitor except with the written consent of the Monitor or with leave of this Court.

NO PROCEEDINGS AGAINST THE DEBTOR OR THE PROPERTY

9. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to paragraph 9A of this Order: (i) no Proceeding against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property shall be commenced or continued except with the written consent of the Monitor or with leave of this Court; and (ii)

any and all Proceedings currently under way against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property are hereby stayed and suspended pending further Order of this Court.

9A. THIS COURT ORDERS that nothing in this Order restricts TD from commencing or continuing any Proceeding against or in respect of the Debtor or the Property (each, an "TD Proceeding"), such that, for greater certainty, no TD Proceeding is stayed or suspended.

NO EXERCISE OF RIGHTS OR REMEDIES

10. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that all rights and remedies against the Debtor, the Monitor, or affecting the Property, are hereby stayed and suspended except with the written consent of the Monitor or leave of this Court, provided however that this stay and suspension does not apply in respect of any "eligible financial contract" as defined in the BIA, or any rights and remedies of TD against the Debtor (including, without limitation, TD restricting credit to the Debtor and setting-off funds in the Debtor's bank account with TD), and further provided that nothing in this paragraph shall (i) empower the Debtor to carry on any business which the Debtor is not lawfully entitled to carry on, (ii) exempt the Debtor from compliance with statutory or regulatory provisions relating to health, safety or the environment, (iii) prevent the filing of any registration to preserve or perfect a security interest, or (iv) prevent the registration of a claim for lien.

NO INTERFERENCE WITH THE MONITOR

11. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to paragraph 10 of this Order, no Person shall discontinue, fail to honour, alter, interfere with, repudiate, terminate or cease to perform any right, renewal right, contract, agreement, licence or permit in favour of or held by the Debtor, without written consent of the Monitor or leave of this Court.

CONTINUATION OF SERVICES

12. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that, subject to paragraph 10 of this Order, all Persons having oral or written agreements with the Debtor or statutory or regulatory mandates for the supply of goods and/or services, including without limitation, all computer software, communication and other data services, centralized banking services, payroll services,

insurance, transportation services, utility or other services to the Debtor are hereby restrained until further Order of this Court from discontinuing, altering, interfering with or terminating the supply of such goods or services, provided in each case that the normal prices or charges for all such goods or services received after the date of this Order are paid by the Debtor in accordance with normal payment practices of the Debtor or such other practices as may be agreed upon by the supplier or service provider and the Debtor, or as may be ordered by this Court.

ANTI-SPAM LEGISLATION

13. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any and all interested stakeholders in this proceeding and their counsel are at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders as may be reasonably required in this proceeding, including any notices, or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by electronic message to such other interested stakeholders in this proceeding and their counsel and advisors. For greater certainty, any such distribution or service shall be deemed to be in satisfaction of a legal or juridical obligation, and notice requirements within the meaning of clause 3(c) of the *Electronic Commerce Protection Regulations*, Reg. 81000-2-175 (SOR/DORS).

LIMITATION ON THE MONITOR'S LIABILITY

14. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor shall incur no liability or obligation as a result of its appointment or the carrying out the provisions of this Order, save and except for any gross negligence or wilful misconduct on its part. Nothing in this Order shall derogate from the protections afforded the Monitor by section 14.06 of the BIA or by any other applicable legislation.

MONITOR'S ACCOUNTS

15. **THIS COURT ORDERS** the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor shall be paid their reasonable fees and disbursements, in each case at their standard rates and charges unless otherwise ordered by the Court on the passing of accounts, and that the Monitor and counsel to the Monitor shall be entitled to and are hereby granted a charge (the "**Monitor's Charge**") on the Property, as security for such fees and disbursements, both before and after the making of this Order in respect of these proceedings, and that the

Monitor's Charge shall form a first charge on the Property in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subject to sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4), and 81.6(2) of the BIA.

16. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor and its legal counsel shall pass their accounts from time to time, and for this purpose the accounts of the Monitor and its legal counsel are hereby referred to a judge of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice.

17. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that prior to the passing of its accounts, the Monitor shall be at liberty from time to time to apply reasonable amounts, out of the monies in its hands, against its fees and disbursements, including legal fees and disbursements, incurred at the standard rates and charges of the Monitor or its counsel, and such amounts shall constitute advances against its remuneration and disbursements when and as approved by this Court.

FUNDING OF THE MONITOR

18. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor be at liberty and it is hereby empowered to borrow by way of a revolving credit or otherwise, such monies from time to time as it may consider necessary or desirable, provided that the outstanding principal amount does not exceed \$250,000.00 (or such greater amount as this Court may by further Order authorize) at any time, at such rate or rates of interest as it deems advisable for such period or periods of time as it may arrange, for the purpose of funding the exercise of the powers and duties conferred upon the Monitor by this Order, including interim expenditures. The whole of the Property shall be and is hereby charged by way of a fixed and specific charge (the "**Monitor's Borrowings Charge**") as security for the payment of the monies borrowed, together with interest and charges thereon, in priority to all security interests, trusts, liens, charges and encumbrances, statutory or otherwise, in favour of any Person, but subordinate in priority to the Monitor's Charge and the charges as set out in sections 14.06(7), 81.4(4), and 81.6(2) of the BIA.

19. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that neither the Monitor's Borrowings Charge nor any other security granted by the Monitor in connection with its borrowings under this Order shall be enforced without leave of this Court.

20. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor is at liberty and authorized to issue certificates substantially in the form annexed as Schedule "A" hereto (the "**Monitor's Certificates**") for any amount borrowed by it pursuant to this Order.

21. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the monies from time to time borrowed by the Monitor pursuant to this Order or any further order of this Court and any and all Monitor's Certificates evidencing the same or any part thereof shall rank on a *pari passu* basis, unless otherwise agreed to by the holders of any prior issued Monitor's Certificates.

SERVICE AND NOTICE

22. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the E-Service Protocol of the Commercial List (the "**Protocol**") is approved and adopted by reference herein and, in this proceeding, the service of documents made in accordance with the Protocol (which can be found on the Commercial List website at [https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sci/practice/regional-practice-directions/eservice-%20commercial/#Part III The E-Service List](https://www.ontariocourts.ca/sci/practice/regional-practice-directions/eservice-%20commercial/#Part%20III%20The%20E-Service%20List)) shall be valid and effective service. Subject to Rule 17.05 this Order shall constitute an order for substituted service pursuant to Rule 16.04 of the Rules of Civil Procedure. Subject to Rule 3.01(d) of the Rules of Civil Procedure and paragraph 21 of the Protocol, service of documents in accordance with the Protocol will be effective on transmission. This Court further orders that a Case Website shall be established in accordance with the Protocol with the following URL <<https://www.albertgelman.com/filedocuments/>>.

23. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that if the service or distribution of documents in accordance with the Protocol is not practicable, the Monitor is at liberty to serve or distribute this Order, any other materials and orders in these proceedings, any notices or other correspondence, by forwarding true copies thereof by prepaid ordinary mail, courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission to the Debtor' creditors or other interested parties at their respective addresses as last shown on the records of the Debtor and that any such service or distribution by courier, personal delivery or facsimile transmission shall

be deemed to be received on the next business day following the date of forwarding thereof, or if sent by ordinary mail, on the third business day after mailing.

GENERAL

24. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor may from time to time apply to this Court for advice and directions in the discharge of its powers and duties hereunder.

25. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that nothing in this Order shall prevent the Monitor from acting as a trustee in bankruptcy of the Debtor.

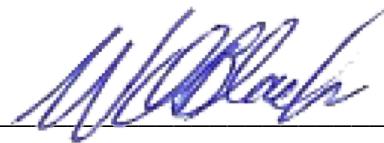
26. **THIS COURT HEREBY REQUESTS** the aid and recognition of any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body having jurisdiction in Canada or in the United States to give effect to this Order and to assist the Monitor and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order. All courts, tribunals, regulatory and administrative bodies are hereby respectfully requested to make such orders and to provide such assistance to the Monitor, as an officer of this Court, as may be necessary or desirable to give effect to this Order or to assist the Monitor and its agents in carrying out the terms of this Order.

27. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the Monitor be at liberty and is hereby authorized and empowered to apply to any court, tribunal, regulatory or administrative body, wherever located, for the recognition of this Order and for assistance in carrying out the terms of this Order, and that the Monitor is authorized and empowered to act as a representative in respect of the within proceedings for the purpose of having these proceedings recognized in a jurisdiction outside Canada.

28. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that the balance of the relief sought by TD on this Application be and is hereby adjourned to August 11, 2025 at 12:00 p.m. subject to TD returning to Court if necessary on an earlier date if circumstances permit.

29. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that any interested party may apply to this Court to vary or amend this Order on not less than seven (7) days' notice to the Monitor and to any other party likely to be affected by the order sought or upon such other notice, if any, as this Court may order.

30. **THIS COURT ORDERS** that this Order and all of its provisions are effective as of today's date and is enforceable without the need for entry or filing.

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "William Blaustein", is positioned above a horizontal line.

SCHEDULE "A"
MONITOR CERTIFICATE

CERTIFICATE NO. _____

AMOUNT \$_____

1. **THIS IS TO CERTIFY** that Albert Gelman Inc., the monitor (the "**Monitor**") of the assets, undertakings and properties of Curry's Art Store Limited operating as Curry's Artists Materials and Curry's Artists' Materials (the "**Debtor**"), acquired for, or used in relation to a business carried on by the Debtor, including all proceeds thereof (collectively, the "**Property**") appointed by Order of the Ontario Superior Court of Justice (the "**Court**") dated the 14th day of July, 2025 (the "**Order**") made in an action having Court file number CV-25-00746557-00CL, has received as such Monitor from the holder of this certificate (the "**Lender**") the principal sum of \$_____, being part of the total principal sum of \$250,000 which the Monitor is authorized to borrow under and pursuant to the Order.

2. The principal sum evidenced by this certificate is payable on demand by the Lender with interest thereon calculated and compounded [daily][monthly not in advance on the _____ day of each month] after the date hereof at a notional rate per annum equal to the rate of _____ per cent above the prime commercial lending rate of Bank of _____ from time to time.

3. Such principal sum with interest thereon is, by the terms of the Order, together with the principal sums and interest thereon of all other certificates issued by the Monitor pursuant to the Order or to any further order of the Court, a charge upon the whole of the Property, in priority to the security interests of any other person, but subject to the priority of the charges set out in the Order and in the *Bankruptcy and Insolvency Act*, and the right of the Monitor to indemnify itself out of such Property in respect of its remuneration and expenses.

4. All sums payable in respect of principal and interest under this certificate are payable at the main office of the Lender at Toronto, Ontario.

5. Until all liability in respect of this certificate has been terminated, no certificates creating charges ranking or purporting to rank in priority to this certificate shall be issued by the Monitor to any person other than the holder of this certificate without the prior written consent of the holder of this certificate.

6. The charge securing this certificate shall operate so as to permit the Monitor to deal with the Property as authorized by the Order and as authorized by any further or other order of the Court.

7. The Monitor does not undertake, and it is not under any personal liability, to pay any sum in respect of which it may issue certificates under the terms of the Order.

DATED the _____ day of _____, 2025.

ALBERT GELMAN INC., solely in its capacity as Monitor of the Property, and not in its personal capacity

Per: _____

Name: Bryan Gelman

Title: President

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