

# EXHIBIT A

NO. PR-10-1517-3

FILED

IN RE: ESTATE OF

MAX D. HOPPER,

DECEASED

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IN PROBATE COURT NO. 3

OF

DALLAS COUNTY, TEXAS

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JOHN E. WARREN  
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DALLAS COUNTY

**PROOF OF NOTICE TO SECURED CREDITOR**

BEFORE ME, the undersigned authority, on this day personally appeared JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., by and through its Vice President, Susan Novak, Independent Administrator of the Estate of Max D. Hopper, Deceased, in the above entitled and numbered cause, and known to me to be the person stated herein, and after being duly sworn by me, stated the attached copy of a Notice to Secured Creditor required under Texas Probate Code Section 295 was mailed certified mail, with return receipt requested, addressed to the last known address of the holder of such secured indebtedness referred to in such notice; that the return receipt of such notice is also attached hereto and that this affidavit and the attachments hereto will be filed in the Court from which Affiant has received Letters Testamentary. The creditor who was furnished notice was First Republic Bank, 111 Pine Street, San Francisco, CA 94111.

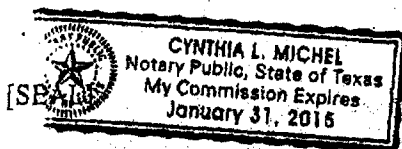
JPMORGAN CHASE BANK, N.A.

By:

*Susan Novak*

Susan Novak, Vice President  
Independent Administrator of the  
Estate of Max D. Hopper, Deceased

SUBSCRIBED AND SWORN TO BEFORE ME by the said Susan Novak, in her capacity as Vice President of JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Independent Administrator of the Estate of Max D. Hopper, Deceased, on this 26<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2011, to certify which witness my hand and seal of office.



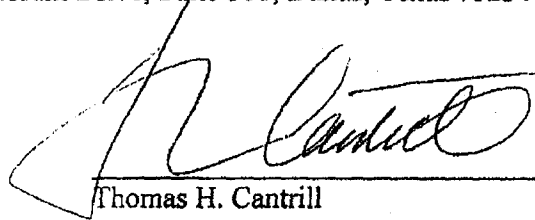
*Cynthia L. Michel*  
Notary Public, State of Texas

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

The undersigned hereby certifies that a true and correct copy of the foregoing document was served by First Class Mail to Jo N. Hopper via her counsel of record, Michael L. Graham, The Graham Law Firm, P.C., 100 Highland Park Village, Suite 200, Dallas, Texas 75205, and James Albert Jennings, Erhard & Jennings, P.C., 1601 Elm Street, Suite 4242, Dallas, Texas 75201, and to Stephen Hopper and Laura Wassmer via their counsel of record, Gary Stolbach, Glast Phillips & Murray, P.C., 14801 Quorum Drive, Suite 500, Dallas, Texas 75234 on the 27th day of September, 2011.



Thomas H. Cantrill

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Sent To: Carmen Castro - Franceschi  
 Street, Apt. No. / or PO Box No. First Republic Bank  
 City, State, ZIP+4® San Francisco CA 94111

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<p>Article Addressed to:</p> <p><u>Carmen Castro - Franceschi</u>  <u>First Republic Bank</u>  <u>11 Pine St.</u>  <u>San Francisco CA 94111</u></p>		<p>B. Received by (Printed Name) <u>[Signature]</u> C. Date of Delivery <u>9-6</u></p>	
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September 2, 2011

**CERTIFIED MAIL NO. 7005 1820 0000 7061 7280  
RETURN RECEIPT REQUESTED**

**Carmen Castro-Franceschi  
Executive Managing Director  
First Republic Bank  
111 Pine Street  
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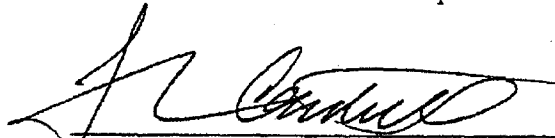
**TEXAS PROBATE CODE SECTION 295  
NOTICE TO SECURED CREDITOR**

Our records indicate Max D. Hopper maintained a secured credit with First Republic Bank under your account number 22-063027-7.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters Testamentary for the Estate of Max D. Hopper, Deceased, were issued on June 30, 2010, in Cause No. PR-10-1517-3 pending in Probate Court No. 3 of Dallas County, Texas to JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A. All claims against this Estate should be addressed to:

JPMorgan Chase Bank, N.A., Executor of the  
Estate of Max D. Hopper, Deceased  
c/o Thomas H. Cantrill, Hunton & Williams LLP  
1445 Ross Avenue, Suite 3700  
Dallas, Texas 75202

All persons having claims against this Estate which is currently being administered are required to present them within the time and in the manner prescribed by law.



Thomas H. Cantrill  
Hunton & Williams LLP

**ATTORNEYS FOR EXECUTOR**