# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION

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in re:			:'
BARON'S STORES, INC.,		•	:
	Debtor.	-	•

Case No. 97-25645-BKC-PGH Chapter 11

## FIRST AMENDED JOINT PLAN OF LIQUIDATION OF DEBTOR AND COMMITTEE

Baron's Stores, Inc. and the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Baron's Stores, Inc. propose the following First Amended Joint Plan of Liquidation pursuant to Section 1121(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### ARTICLE

#### DEFINITIONS

## DEFINED TERMS

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The following definitions apply in this Joint Plan of Liquid ation.

Administrative Expense. All costs and expenses of administration allowed under Sections 503(b) and 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, including, without limitation, the actual and necessary costs and expenses of preserving the estate of the Debtor, any actual and necessary expenses of operating the business of the Debtor, all compensation or reimbursement of expenses allowed by the Bankruptcy Court under Sections 330 and 503 of the Bankruptcy Code, and any fees or charges assessed

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against the estate of the Debtor under Chapter 124, Title 23, United States Code, § 1930.

Allowed Administrative Expense or Claim. An Administrative Expense or Claim to the extent that:

(a) a proof of such Administrative Expense or claim is one

- (i) timely filed, or
- deemed filed pursuant to Section 1111(a) of the Bankruptcy Code; and

(b) such Administrative Expense or Claim is one

- (i) which is not a Disputed Claim, or
- (ii) which is allowed (and only to the extent allowed) by a Final Order.

Available Cash. The net cash proceeds from the collection and liquidation of all property and assets of the Debtor's bankruptcy estate.

BankAtlantic, BankAtlantic, a Federal Savings Bank.

Bankruptcy Claims. All claims, rights, and causes of action created in favor of the Estate under the Bankruptcy Code, including but not limited to all claims, rights, and causes of action arising under Sections 542 through 553 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Bankruptcy Code. Title 11 of the United States Code.

Bankruptcy Court. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida, or, in the event of such court ceases to exercise jurisdiction over this Chapter 11 case, such court or adjunct thereof that exercises jurisdiction over this Chapter 11 case in lieu of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Florida.

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Cash. Cash and cash equivalents, and other readily marketable securities or instruments.

Claim. A claim against the Debtor as defined in Section 101(5) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Committee. The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Baron's Stores, Inc. appointed by the United States Trustee.

Confirmation Date. The date on which the Confirmation Order is entered.

Confirmation Order. The order entered by the Bankruptcy Court confirming the Plan pursuant to Section 1129 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Consummation Date. The date on which all property of the Estate has been liquidated into cash.

Debtor. Baron's Stores, Inc.

Disputed Claim. An alleged Claim against the Debtor as to which an objection has been timely filed which objection is not the subject of a Final Order and has not been withdrawn, or an alleged Claim proof of which was not timely filed or deemed filed pursuant to Section 1111(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

Disbursing Agent. Malnik & Salkin, P.A., counsel to the Debtor, in its capacity as the agent of the Bahkruptcy Court to hold and distribute the consideration to be distributed to holders of Allowed Administrative Expenses and Allowed Claims pursuant to the Plan and the Confirmation Order, or such other Person as may be retained by the Committee for such purpose, after approval of such retention by the Bankruptcy Court.

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Effective Date. The first business day which is 30 days after the Confirmation Date if no appeal has been timely filed. If such an appeal has been filed, the Effective Date shall be the first business day after the Confirmation Order becomes a Final Order.

Estate. The estate created pursuant to Section 541 of the Bankruptcy Code upon commencement of the Debtor's Chapter 11 bankruptcy case.

Filing Date, September 9, 1997.

Final Order. An order of the Bankruptcy Court or the district court as to which (a) any appeal that has been taken has been finally determined or dismissed, or (b) the time for appeal has expired and no appeal has been timely filed. In the case of an order of the Bankruptcy Court, the time for appeal, for purpose of this definition, shall be the time permitted for an appeal to the district court.

Meryl Lanson. Owner of 1 percent of the Debtor's equity interest.

Norman Lanson. The Debtor's president and owner of 99 percent of the Debtor's equity interest.

Leases. The Debtor's unexpired non-residential real property leases.

Morrison Litigation. The pending action entitled <u>Baron's Stores, Inc., a Florida</u> <u>corporation v. Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Co., P.A., a Florida professional association,</u> <u>Albert Morrison, Jr., Antonio L. Argiz and Manuel Rodriguez, Jr.</u>, Case No. 95-22509 In the Circuit of the Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Dade County, Florida, General Jurisdiction Division,

Morrison Litigation Rights. The Estate's right to pursue the pending action entitled <u>Baron's Stores, Inc., a Florida corporation v. Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Co.,</u>

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P.A., a Florida professional association, Albert Morrison, Jr., Antonio L. Argiz and Manuel Rodriguez, Jr., Case No. 95-22509 in the Circuit of the Court of the 11th Judicial Circuit in and for Dade County, Florida, General Jurisdiction Division.

Person. An individual, corporation, partnership, joint venture, limited liability company, trust estate, unincorporated organization, a government or any agency or political subdivision thereof, or any other form of legal entity.

Plan. This Joint Plan of Liquidation of Debtor and Committee and any amendments or modifications hereto.

Post-Confirmation Debtor. The Debtor on and after the Effective Date.

Professional Persons. Attorneys, accountants, appraisers, auctioneers, or other professionals within the meaning of Section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code employed with the Bankruptcy Court's approval.

Pro rata. A calculation meaning proportionately so that for any given distribution the amount of consideration distributed on account of an individual Allowed Claim in a particular class bears the same ratio to the amount of consideration distributed on such date on account of all Allowed Claims in the same Class plus an amount reserved on such date on account of all Disputed Claims in the same class, as the dollar amount of such individual Allowed Claim bears to the total dollar amount of all Allowed Claims and Disputed Claims in that particular class.

Schedules. The Schedules of Assets of Liabilities and Statement of Financial Affairs filed by the Debtor with the Bankruptcy Court pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 1007, and as may be amended from time to time.

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Secured Claim. A Claim to the extent of the amount of such Claim which is secured by a valid, unavoidable lien on or in property of the Debtor's estate (or as determined pursuant to Section 506(a) of the Bankruptcy Code) or based upon a valid Claim for set-off pursuant to Section 553 of the Bankruptcy Code.

Unsecured Claim. A Claim to the extent of the amount of such Claim which is not secured by any valid, unavoidable lien on or in the property of the Debtor's estate.

Undefined Terms. A term used in the Plan and not defined herein but defined in the Bankruptcy Code has the meaning given to that term in the Bankruptcy Code.

## ARTICLE II

## CLASSIFICATION AND TREATMENT OF ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES, CLAIMS AND EQUITY INTERESTS

1. Classification of Claims and Equity Interests.

All Administrative Expenses, Claims and Equity Interests are placed in the following classes.

(a) <u>Class 1 Claims</u>, Class 1 consists of all Allowed Administrative Expenses.

(b) <u>Class 2 Claims</u>. Class 2 consists of all Allowed Claims against the Debtor entitled to priority pursuant to Section 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.

(c) <u>Class 3 Claims</u>. Class 3 consists of all Allowed Secured Claims against the Debtor held by BankAtiantic.

(d) <u>Class 4 Claims.</u> Class 4 consists of all Allowed Unsecured Claims against

the Debtor.

(e) <u>Class 5 Equity Interests.</u> Class 5 consists of all Equity Interests.

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#### 2. Treatment.

Class 1 Allowed Administrative Expenses. The Debtor shall pay all (a) Allowed Administrative Expenses in full, in Cash on the date such Administrative Expenses become allowed, except to the extent that the holder of an Allowed Administrative Expense agrees to different treatment. The Debtor shall pay to the United States Trustee the appropriate sums required pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6) for the periods prior to the confirmation of this Plan within ten (10) days of the entry of the Confirmation Order and simultaneously provide to the United States Trustee an appropriate affidavit indicating the cash disbursements for the relevant period, to the extent the Debtor has failed to file the required debtor-in-possession reports. The post-confirmation Debtor shall further pay to the United States Trustee the appropriate sums required pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a) (6) for the periods subsequent to the confirmation of this Plan within the time period set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1930(a)(6), until the earlier of the entry of a final decree closing this case or the entry of an order dismissing this case or converting this case to another chapter of the Bankruptcy Code, and simultaneously with the payment of these fees the postconfirmation Debtor shall provide to the United States Trustee an appropriate affidavit indicating the cash disbursements during the relevant period.

(b) <u>Class 2 Allowed Priority Claims.</u> All Allowed Priority Claims shall be paid in full, in Cash on the Effective Date, except to the extent that the holder of an Allowed Priority Claim agrees to different treatment.

(c) <u>Class 3 Allowed Secured Claims of BankAtlantic.</u> All Secured Claims of BankAtlantic have been paid in full, in Cash.

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(d) <u>Class 4 Allowed Unsecured Claims.</u> To the extent of the remaining Available Cash after satisfaction of all Class 1, Class 2, and Class 3 Claims, the holders of allowed Class 4 Claims shall be paid, in Cash, on a protrata basis. Payment shall be made as soon as practicable and in all events the Disbursing Agent shall make an interim distribution to holders of allowed Class 4 Claims within 30 days of Confirmation and a final distribution to the holders of allowed Class 4 Claims on or about May 31, 1999, provided the final payments on the Note is made on or before April 25, 1998 as provided in the Note.

(e) <u>Class 5 Equity Interests</u>. No holder of a Class 5 Equity Interest shall receive any payment or retain any property on account of such Class 5 Equity interest, and all presently issued and outstanding shares of capital stock of the Debtor shall be cancelled as of the Effective Date.

## ARTICLE III

## TREATMENT OF DISPUTED, CONTINGENT AND UNLIQUIDATED ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES AND CLAIMS

## 1. Characterization of Claims as Disputed.

Pursuant to Section 1111 of the Bankruptcy Code, proof of a Claim is deemed filed under Section 501 of the Bankruptcy Code if that Claim is included in the Schedules, except if the Claim is scheduled as disputed, contingent, or unliquidated. Such a disputed, contingent, or unliquidated Claim must be asserted by its holder by the filing of a proof of Claim. The Debtor and/or the Committee shall have authority to object to and contest the allowance of any Claim filed with the Bankruptcy Court, whether or not such Claim was scheduled as disputed, contingent or unliquidated.

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## 2. Reserve for Disputed Administrative and Other Claims.

In determining the amounts of distributions to be made to holders of Allowed Claims, the appropriate pro rata calculations required by the Plan (i) shall be made as if all Disputed Claims were Allowed Claims and all Disputed Administrative Expenses were Allowed Administrative Expenses, in the full amount claimed by the holders thereof and (ii) shall include an appropriate estimate for administrative claims that have not been allowed at the time of such distribution but which are not likely to be disputed. Distributions for holders of Disputed Administrative Expenses and Disputed Claims shall be deposited by the Disbursing Agent in one or more separated accounts which shall be held in trust for the benefit of holders of Disputed Administrative Expenses and Disputed Claims pending determination of the entitlement thereto.

At such time as a Disputed Administrative Expense or Disputed Claim becomes an Allowed Administrative Expense or Allowed Claim, the distribution reserved for such Administrative Expense or Claim shall be paid from the amounts reserved therefore to the holder of such Administrative Expense or Claim. In the event any Disputed Administrative Expense or Disputed Claim is disallowed, funds held in reserve on account of those disallowed Administrative Expenses or Claims shall be retained pending final disposition of all Disputed Administrative Expenses and Disputed Claims and upon resolution of all such Disputed Administrative Expenses and Disputed Claims, distributed to holders of Allowed Administrative Expenses and Allowed Claims in accordance with the provisions and priorities of the Plan.

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#### ARTICLE IV

#### IMPLEMENTATION OF THE PLAN

#### 1. Liquidating Plan.

This Plan is a liquidating Plan and does not contemplate the continued operation of the Debtor. After filing its bankruptcy petition and pursuant to orders entered by the Bankruptcy Court after appropriate motions, hearings and notice thereof, the Debtor sold its inventory, furniture, fixtures and equipment, leases and other assets, free and clear of all liens, claims and interests, except BankAtlantic's first lien, which pursuant to the Bankruptcy Court order approving the sale was reduced to the net proceeds of the purchase price, and the second lien of the Debtor in the amount of the balance of the purchase price with such liens, claims and interests attaching to the proceeds. All remaining property of the Debtor shall be liquidated in due course and in an orderly fashion by the Debtor. All net cash proceeds from such liquidation shall be distributed in accordance with the provisions of the Plan.

## 2. Morrison Litigation

The Debtor has settled its claim with Morrison, Brown, Argiz & Co., P.A. for \$2.4 million, which settlement was approved by the Bankruptcy Court. On July 1, 1998 the Debtor's counsel received the check from Morrison in the amount of \$2.4 million. Thereafter, \$750,000.00 was paid to the special litigation counsel who handled the Morrison litigation pursuant to the May 18th Order and approximately \$950,000.00 was paid to BankAtlantic, the Debtor's secured lender, in full satisfaction of its lien. The balance of approximately \$700,000.00 was invested in treasury bills being held by the Debtor's counsel in contemplation of distribution.

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#### 3, Funding and Distribution.

After the Effective Date, the Cash to make the payments as provided by the Plan shall be that which has been and will be generated from the liquidation of all property of the Debtor, including, but not limited to (a) the Morrison Litigation Rights; and (b) inventory, and/or (e) furniture, fixtures and equipment.

## 4. In General.

All distributions are to be made by the Disbursing Agent. The Disbursing Agent shall establish such account or accounts as may be necessary to carry out the Plan. Except as set forth herein, the Disbursing Agent shall pay Allowed Administrative Expenses and Allowed Priority Tax Claims in Cash on the Effective Date or as soon thereafter as practicable. Distributions on account of Allowed Claims will occur as soon as practicable after the Effective Date.

The Disbursing Agent shall serve without a bond and without additional compensation. The Disbursing Agent shall file a First Interim Report of Estate no later than 60 days after the Confirmation Order becomes final and a Second Interim Report of Estate no later than May 5, 1999. The Disbursing Agent shall file a Final Report of Estate and Motion for Final Decree Closing Case on the local form approved by the Bankruptcy Court on or before May 31, 1999. The failure to timely make distributions or file the Interim or Final Reports of Estate and Motion for Final Decree Closing Case will result in the imposition of sanctions against the Disbursing Agent, which may include the return of attorneys' fees.

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## 5. Investment in Cash.

In the period between distributions of Cash, all Cash of the Debtor, shall be invested by the Disbursing Agent in the United States Treasury Bills, interest bearing certificates of deposits, interest bearing savings accounts, and investments permitted by Section 345 of the Bankruptcy Code, using the best efforts of the Disbursing Agent to maximize the rates of interest without increasing the risk of the investment. All interest earned on such Available Cash shall be held by the Disbursing Agent and distributed as part of the Estate in accordance with the Plan.

## 6. Manner of Payment and Distribution of Unclaimed Property.

Any payment made pursuant to the Plan shall be by check drawn on a domestic bank or by wire transfer from a domestic bank, at the option of the Disbursing Agent. Any payment under the Plan which is unclaimed after one hundred eighty (180) days following distribution shall be retained by the Disbursing Agent and redistributed in accordance with the priorities established by the Plan.

## 7. <u>Setoffs.</u>

The Debtor may, but shall not be required to, set off against any Claim and the payments to be made pursuant to the Plan in respect of such Claim, claims of any nature whatsoever the Debtor may have against the claimant, but neither the failure to do so nor the allowance of any claim hereunder shall constitute a waiver or release by the Debtor of any such claim the Debtor may have against such claimant.

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## ARTICLE V

## TREATMENT OF DEBTOR'S PRINCIPALS

1. <u>Allowance of Claims</u>. The shareholder loans of Meryl Lanson set forth on the Schedules in the sum of \$160,000.00 and shareholder loans of Norman Lanson set forth on the Schedules in the sum of \$60,000 shall be allowed as Class 4 Claims.

2. <u>Compensation</u>. Norman Lanson and Meryl Lanson shall receive the following aggregate compensation on the Effective Date:

(a) A consulting fee of \$75,000.00 to assist in the sale of the assets of the Debtor and as a further repayment of the principal on the loans made by Norman Lanson and Meryl Lanson to the Debtor.

(b) The lesser of \$40,000.00 or Norman Lanson's exposure on his guaranties to certain utility companies minus the distribution made under the Plan to certain utility companies, provided that Norman Lanson submits documentation of his guaranties to such utility companies to the Committee prior to Confirmation; and

(c) The lesser of \$80,000.00 or Norman Lanson's exposure on his guaranties with respect to the equipment leases minus the distribution made pursuant to the Plan to Colonial Pacific Leasing, the equipment lessor, unless such equipment leases are assumed and assigned in which event the compensation pursuant to this subparagraph would be zero.

(d) Subject to Bankruptcy Court approval, a portion of the Consulting Fee shall be paid with property of the estate, rather than Cash. Title to a 1995 Mercedes, which is currently in the name of the Debtor (the "Mercedes"), shall be transferred to the Lansons, subject to the existing loan. The Debtor obtained an

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appraisal for the Mercedes which valued the car at \$27,000.00. The outstanding loan on the Mercedes when the Debtor stopped making the payments in April, 1998 was approximately \$8,000.00. The Lansons have made the loan payments since May, 1998 in the amount of approximately \$5,000.00 and have had the use of the car. Approximately \$3,000.00 remains outstanding on the loan. If the Bankruptcy Court approves this compensation, the Consulting Fee would be reduced from \$75,000.00 to \$53,000.00 and title to the Mercedes would be transferred to the Lansons subject to the outstanding loan.

### ARTICLE VI

#### ACCEPTANCE OR REJECTION OF THE PLAN

## 1. Classes Impaired Under the Plan.

Pursuant to Section 1124 of the Bankruptcy Code, Classes 1,2 and 3 are not impaired and Classes 4 and 5 are impaired under the Plan. The Bankruptcy Court shall, after notice and a hearing, determine any controversy relating to whether any Creditors or holders of Interests, or class of creditors or class of Interests, are impaired under the Plan.

#### 2. Acceptance by Class 4.

Each Creditor holding an allowed Class 4 Claim shall be entitled to vote to accept or reject the Plan. Class 4 Claims shall have accepted the Plan if the holders of at least two-thirds (2/3) in amount and more than (1/2) in number of the allowed Class 4 Claims actually voting in the class have voted to accept the Plan.

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## 3. Deemed Rejection by Class 5.

Because the Plan provides that the holders of Class 5 Equity Interests are not entitled to receive or retain any property under the Plan on account of such interests unless and until Class 4 Creditors have been paid in full, which in this case is not anticipated to occur, Class 5 is impaired and is not deemed to have accepted the Plan in accordance with Section 11.26(g) of the Bankruptcy Code.

### 4, Presumed Acceptance of the Plan by Classes 1, 2 and 3.

In accordance with Section 1126(f) of the Bankruptcy Code, because Classes 1, 2 and 3 are not impaired under the Plan, these classes are conclusively presumed to have accepted the Plan.

5. Cramdown.

Because Class 5 is deemed to have rejected the Plan pursuant to Section 1126(g) of the Bankruptcy Code, if Class 4 is the only class which accepts the Plan, the Debtor will seek confirmation of the Plan in accordance with Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code in light of the deemed rejection by Class 5.

## ARTICLE VIL

#### EXECUTORY CONTRACTS

All executory contracts and unexpired leases not previously assumed shall be deemed rejected pursuant to the provisions of Section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code as of the Confirmation Date.

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#### ARTICLE VIII

## RETENTION OF JURISDICTION

The Bankruptcy Court shall retain jurisdiction of this Chapter 11 case pursuant to and for the purposes of the Bankruptcy Code and for the following purposes, among others:

1. To determine any and all objections to the allowance of Administrative Expenses and Claims;

2. To determine the amount of damage, if any, suffered by a party to an executory contract or unexpired lease arising out of the rejection thereof and the allowance of any Claim resulting therefrom;

3. To hear and determine all applications for compensation and reimbursement of expenses of professionals under Section 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code;

4. To recover all assets of the Debtor and property of the bankruptcy estate of the Debtor, wherever located;

5. To determine and to rule upon any compromise of any and all controversies and disputes arising under or in connection with this Plan;

6. To correct any defect, to cure any omission or to reconcile any inconsistency in the Plan or in the Confirmation order as may be necessary or advisable to carry out the intent and purposes of the Plan;

7. To determine the validity, priority and extent of liens, claims and encumbrances upon property of the estate and to determine any questions and issues

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regarding title to and interests in any order, including injunctions, necessary to enforce the title, rights and powers of the Debtor or debtor-in-possession;

8. To order the sale of any asset included in the estate, free and clear of liens, claims and encumbrances, and to effectuate payments under and performance of the provisions of the Plan;

9. To determine all applications, motions, adversary proceedings and litigated matters indicated or commenced by this Court by the Debtor, or by parties in interest.

10. To hear, determine and enforce collection of any Bankruptcy Claims as may be pursued by the Debtor or by any other person on behalf of the Debtor;

11. To determine such other matters and for such other purposes as may be provided for in the Confirmation Order;

12. To enter a final decree closing this Chapter 11 case; and

13. To hear any other matter not inconsistent with the Bankruptcy Code.

## ARTICLE IX

## RETENTION, ENFORCEMENT AND WAIVER OF CLAIMS

1. Pursuant to Section 1123(b)(3) of the Bankruptcy Code, the post-Confirmation Debtor shall retain and may enforce any and all claims of the Debtor and/or the Debtor, as debtor-in-possession, including the Morrison Litigation Rights and other Bankruptcy Claims, except such claims as are waived, relinquished or released in accordance with the Plan.

2. The post-Confirmation creditors' committee may assert Bankruptcy Claims on behalf of the post-Confirmation Debtor.

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## ARTICLE X

## OBJECTIONS TO CLAIMS AND INTERESTS

1. Objections to Claims and Interests shall be filed with the Bankruptcy Court by either the Debtor upon the Committee review and approval or by the Committee (provided that the Debtor shall not be required to obtain the Committee's prior approval to reasonable objections of claims to be filed against members of the Committee) and served upon each holder of such Claims and Interests to which objection is made as soon as practicable, but no later than 20 days prior to the Confirmation Date. The failure by the Debtor or the Committee to object to or to reexamine any Claims and Interests shall not be deemed to be a waiver of the right to object or to re-examine such Claims and Interest in whole or in part to determine its allowability for payment. Neither Debtor nor the Committee shall be required to object to any Claims and Interest where no purpose would be served.

2. Unless otherwise ordered by the Bankruptcy Court, the Debtor or the Committee shall litigate to a Final Order, settle or withdraw objections to, Disputed Claims and Interests.

3. Payments and distributions to each holder of a Disputed Claim that ultimately becomes an Allowed Claim shall be made in accordance with the provisions of the Plan with respect to the class of Claims to which the respective holder belongs. Such payments shall be made as soon as practicable after the date that the order or judgment allowing such Claim becomes a Final Order.

4. The Debtor shall be authorized, empowered and permitted at any and all times subsequent to the Confirmation Date to enter into an agreement with any

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creditor providing for the payment or treatment of such creditor's claim upon terms other than those provided in the Plan, provided however, that: (a) no such agreement shall provide for treatment of such creditor's claim more favorable to such creditor than the treatment provided to other creditor of the same class under the Plan; (b) payment or treatment of such creditor's claim under such agreement shall be in full and complete satisfaction of such creditor's claim as evidenced by a release in satisfaction of such claim signed by the creditor; and (c) the Committee has approved such agreement.

## ARTICLE XI

## CONTINUATION OF COMMITTEE

### A. Continuation of the Committee

1. The Committee shall terminate on the Confirmation Date and shall be reconstituted as a post-Confirmation creditors' committee to monitor distributions, the collection of proceeds under the Note and consummation of the Plan. The post-Confirmation creditors' committee shall not be supervised by the Bankruptcy Court or the Office of the United States Trustee. Fees and expenses incurred by Kronish, Lieb, Weiner & Hellman LLP, or Schantz, Schatzman, Aaronson & Periman, P.A., in their capacities as counsel to the post-Confirmation creditors' committee in an amount not to exceed \$15,000.00 in the aggregate, may be paid without further application to the Bankruptcy Court upon submission of monthly invoices to the Debtor's counsel, Malnik & Salkin, P.A. If Malnik & Salkin, P.A. does not object to any individual invoice in writing within 15 days of the date of such invoice, the Disbursing Agent shall pay the requested fees and expenses to the requesting professional. If an objection is

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interposed and not resolved then the requesting professional may make a motion to the Bankruptcy Court seeking approval of its fees and expenses.

B. Termination

1. On the Consummation Date, the duties, powers and responsibilities of the post-Confirmation creditors' committee shall terminate forthwith.

## ARTICLE XII

## POST-CONFIRMATION MANAGEMENT

A. Debtor Will No Longer Operate.

1. After the Effective Date, the Debtor will no longer operate.

B. Best Efforts to Promptly Liquidate.

1. The Debtor shall use its best efforts to promptly liquid ate any remaining assets of the estate as soon as practicable at minimal cost and to distribute the proceeds thereof as soon as practicable at minimal cost pursuant to this Plan.

C. Powers of the Debtor.

1. The Debtor may exercise the following powers subject to further order of the Bankruptcy Court:

(a) To receive, receipt for and hold the Debtor's estate and to have exclusive possession, control and sole custody thereof;

(b) To establish and maintain accounts at banks or other financial institutions consistent with the requirements of Section 345 of the Bankruptcy Code, in a clearly specified fiduciary capacity, in which all Cash and property of the Debtor's estate may be deposited, and to draw checks or make withdrawals from such accounts;

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(c) To seek a determination from the Bankruptcy Court of the allowed amount of any claim against the Debtor and its estate including filing objections thereto and pursuing any contested matter or adversary proceeding with respect thereto and entering into any compromise or settlement thereof, and to execute any contract, including, without limitation, any release in connection with said compromise or settlement;

(d) To perform any and all acts necessary and appropriate to consummate the Plan and close the case, including, but not limited to, any and all acts necessary to effectuate the dissolution of the Debtor; and

(e) To collect, compromise, settle or discharge the Bankruptcy Claims and in connection therewith the Debtor shall have authority to settle and compromise any Bankruptcy Claim in which the Debtor seeks to recover less than \$25,000.00 with the consent of the Committee without further order of the Court.

D. <u>Representative of the Estate</u>.

1. In the event the Committee determines that the Debtor is unable to exercise the powers and duties set forth above, the Committee may file a motion to designate a representative of the estate pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 9001(5).

## ARTICLE XIII

## MODIFICATIONS

1. This Plan may be amended or modified at any time prior to the Confirmation Date. After the Confirmation Date, the Debtor and the Committee may, with approval of the Court and so long as it does not materially and adversely affect the interests of creditors, remedy any defects or omissions or reconcile any

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inconsistencies in this Plan or in the Confirmation Order in such matter as may be necessary to carry out the purposes and intent of this Plan.

### ARTICLE XIV

#### CONFIRMATION REQUEST

1. The Debtor and the Committee, as proponents of the Plan, request confirmation of the Plan in accordance with Section 1129(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

## ARTICLE XV

#### MISCELLANEOUS

1. <u>Payment Dates</u>. Whenever any payment or distribution to be made under this Plan shall be done on a day other than a business day, such payment or distribution shall instead be made, without interest, on the immediately following business day.

2. <u>Headings</u>. The headings used in this Plan are inserted for convenience only and neither constitute a portion of this Plan nor in any manner after the construction of the provisions of this Plan.

3. <u>Severability</u>. Should any provision in this Plan be determined to unenforceable, such determination shall in no way limit or affect the enforceability and operative effect of any and all other provisions of this Plan,

4. <u>Governing Law</u>. Except to the extent that the Code or other federal law is applicable, the rights, duties and obligations arising under this Plan shall be governed by and construed and enforced in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

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5. <u>Successors and Assigns</u>. The rights and obligations of any Person named or referred to in the Plan shall be binding upon and shall inure to the benefit of the successors and assigns of such Person.

6. <u>Reservation of Rights</u>. Neither the filing of the Plan by the Debtor or the Committee nor any statement or provision contained in the Plan, or the Disclosure Statement to accompany the Plan, shall be deemed a waiver of any rights, remedies, defenses or claims by the Debtor, or the Estate, and all such rights, remedies, defenses and claims are hereby specifically reserved.

7. <u>Further Documents and Actions</u>. Upon application by the Debtor and the Committee, the Court may issue an order directing any necessary party to execute, deliver or join in the execution of any instrument or document, or to perform any act reasonable necessary to effectuate the Plan.

By:

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September <u>4</u>, 1998 Fort Lauderdale, Florida

Baron's Stores, Inc.

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September <u>3</u>, 1998 New York, New York

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