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IN THE CIRCUIT COURT, FOURTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT, IN AND FOR NASSAU COUNTY, FLORIDA.

CASE NO.:

05-159-CA

DIVISION:

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THE SOCIETY OF LLOYD'S,

Plaintiff

VS.

BRIAN CHARLES ELLIS,

Defendant.

ORDER GRANTING MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT

This matter came on to be heard November 3, 2005, on the Plaintiff's, The Society of Lloyd's Motion for Summary Judgment. The Plaintiff appeared with counsel. The Defendant appeared pro se. The Court considered the record evidence and the argument of counsel and the Defendant. Upon consideration, the Court finds that there exists no genuine issue of material fact as to the Plaintiff's entitlement pursuant to the Florida Uniform Out of Country Foreign Money Judgment Recognition Act, Fla. Stat. §§ 55.601 -- 55.607 and that the Defendant has failed to assert any of the enumerated statutory grounds for nonrecognition of said judgment. Further, the Court treats the Defendant's Notice of Intention to Counterclaim as a Motion for Leave to File a Counterclaim and finds that the Uniform Out of County Foreign Money Judgment Recognition Act contemplates limited grounds for opposition and does not contemplate permitting counterclaims addressing the merits of disputes underlying judgments. Accordingly, upon consideration, it is

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED:

- 1. The Defendant's Motion for Leave to File a Counterclaim is hereby **DENIED**.
- 2. The Judgment entered on April 8, 1999, against Defendant, Brian Charles Ellis, by the High Court of Justice, Queens Bench Division in London, England in favor of the Society of Lloyd's filed herein is hereby recognized by the Court and shall be enforceable in the same manner as a judgment of a Court of this State.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fernandina Beach, Nassau County, Florida, this 12 th day of December, 2005.

BRIAN J. DAVIS Circuit Judge

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Defendant

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF APPEAL FIRST DISTRICT, STATE OF FLORIDA

BRIAN CHARLES ELLIS,

Appellant,

NOT FINAL UNTIL TIME EXPIRES TO FILE MOTION FOR REHEARING AND DISPOSITION THEREOF IF FILED

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v.

CASE NO. 1D06-0255

THE SOCIETY OF LLOYD'S,

Appellee.

Opinion filed November 30, 2006.

An appeal from the circuit court for Nassau County. Brian J. Davis, Judge.

Charles B. Lembcke of Law Office of Charles B. Lembcke, P.A., Jacksonville, for Appellant.

Peter H. Levitt of Shutts & Bowen LLP, Miami, for Appellee.

PER CURIAM.

AFFIRMED.

WEBSTER, BENTON, and VAN NORTWICK, JJ., CONCUR.