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STATE OF WISCONSIN

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In the Matter of the Liquidation of:

Northwestern National Insurance
Company of Milwaukee,
c/o Office of the Commissioner of Insurance

Case No.: 2019CV001209

Code No.: 30703

ORDER APPROVING ENGAGEMENT OF CROWE, LLC

This matter came before this Court on the Application of the Wisconsin Commissioner of Insurance, as appointed Liquidator, for Approval of Engagement of Crowe LLC, dated September 8, 2021. In accordance with Wis. Stat. § 645.46(2), and the Order for Liquidation dated May 2, 2019, and for other good cause,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Application for Approval of Engagement of Crowe LLC. is granted.

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VIA E-Filing ONLY

Honorable Steven Ehlke
215 S. Hamilton Street
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RE: Liquidation of Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee, WI
("NNIC")
Case No: 2019CV001209

Dear Judge Ehlke:

On behalf of the Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance, enclosed please find an Application for Approval of Engagement of Crowe LLC. ("Application") and proposed Order Approving Engagement of Crowe LLC. ("Order") regarding the above-referenced case.

The Application seeks the proposed Order to be executed pursuant to Dane County Rule 318. The Wisconsin Office of the Commissioner of Insurance is not seeking a hearing on this matter.

Sincerely,

St. Marie Boll, LLC

James C. Boll

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The Commissioner of Insurance for the State of Wisconsin, as the court appointed Liquidator of Northwestern National Insurance Company of Milwaukee (NNIC), hereby submits the following Application for Approval of Engagement of Crowe LLP. ("Application"). The basis for the Application is as follows:

1. This Application is made pursuant to Wis. Stat § 645.46 (2), which states the Liquidator may "appoint or engage employees and agents, legal counsel, actuaries, accountants, appraisers, consultants and other personnel deemed necessary to assist in the liquidation," and pursuant to the Order for Liquidation which authorizes the Liquidator as follows, "the Liquidator may, in his discretion, appoint one or more consultants including but not limited to legal counsel, accounts and actuaries as considered necessary, and fix their compensation."¹
2. The Liquidator has reached an agreement to engage Crowe to provide tax services to NNIC to close the Liquidation that includes but is not limited to:
 - a. Filing 2020 Form 1120 PC U.S. Property and Casualty Insurance Company of Income Tax Return
 - b. Filing 2021 Form 1120PC U.S. Property and Casualty Insurance Company Income Tax Return.
 - c. A determination regarding whether NNIC's 2019 state tax filings were "final." And filing any outstanding state income tax returns.
 - d. Obtaining a final prompt assessment and/or closing letter from the IRS
3. Crowe is a public accounting, consulting, and technology firm with offices around the world. Crowe provides audit services to public and private entities.

¹ Order of Liquidation, Paragraph 21.

Crowe and its subsidiaries also provide clients with tax, advisory, risk, and performance services.

4. The Liquidator believes that Crowe is well qualified to provide tax services to the Liquidator and the fees and expenses are reasonable and necessary.

For the forgoing reasons, the Court should approve this Application. A proposed order is attached.

Dated at Madison, Wisconsin, this 8th day of September, 2021.

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