

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

PRIMERICA LIFE INSURANCE	)	
COMPANY	)	
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	No. 4:24-cv-01099-RHH
	)	
DAVID LEE TOWNES, <i>et al.</i>	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	

FINAL JUDGMENT & ORDER FOR DISBURSEMENT OF FUNDS

This matter comes before the Court on the Joint Motion for Entry of Final Judgment and Order Interpleader Disbursement (ECF No. 63) filed by Defendants David Lee Townes, Jr., Carla M. Franklin, and Lucy K. Modise. The Court finds, adjudges, and orders as follows:

1. On October 9, 2024, Primerica Life Insurance Company (“Primerica”) initiated this suit concerning a dispute over life insurance death benefits that became payable upon the death of David Townes, who died on December 31, 2023 (ECF No. 5).

2. On June 25, 2025, the Court granted the Primerica’s motion to deposit funds allowing for Primerica to deposit \$151,685.96 with the Court which represented the death benefits, plus accrued interest (ECF No. 51).

3. Pursuant to LR 13.04(C)(3)(a), on July 9, 2025, Primerica deposited the principal sum of \$151,685.96, with the Court’s registry.

4. On October 15, 2025, Primerica was granted \$8,174.98 in costs and fees, the Clerk was ordered to disburse that amount from the principal registry funds, and Primerica was discharged and dismissed with prejudice from this action (ECF No. 61).

5. Pursuant to LR 13.04(C)(3)(b), the amount of the remaining principal registry

funds to be disbursed is \$143,510.98.

6. Pursuant to LR 13.04(C)(3)(c), the Clerk is allowed to deduct from the total accrued interest the applicable administrative fee pursuant to the General Order of January 10, 1991.

7. The remaining parties have now reached a resolution concerning their dispute over the remaining principal registry funds.

Therefore, pursuant to the agreement of the parties, and the record in this matter:

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Joint Motion for Entry of Final Judgment and Order Interpleader Disbursement (ECF No. 63) is **GRANTED**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check(s) on the funds deposited in the Court's Registry in the principal amount of Sixty-Six Thousand Seven-Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$66,755.49) plus 50% of any accrued interest, after deduction of the Clerk's administrative fee, payable to: "Interpleader Law, LLC IOLTA" and mailed to: William J. Perry, attorney for David Lee Townes, Jr., Interpleader Law, LLC, 9015 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check(s) on the funds deposited in the Court's Registry in the principal amount of Sixty-Six Thousand Seven-Hundred Fifty-Five Dollars and Forty-Nine Cents (\$66,755.49) plus 50% of any accrued interest, after deduction of the Clerk's administrative fee, payable to: "Interpleader Law, LLC IOLTA" and mailed to: William J. Perry, attorney for Carla M. Franklin, Interpleader Law, LLC, 9015 Bluebonnet Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70810.

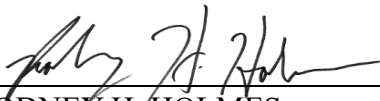
IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the clerk is authorized and directed to draw a check(s) on the funds deposited in the Court's Registry in the principal amount of Ten-Thousand Dollars

(\$10,000), payable to: “Matthew J. Sauter Trust Account” and mailed to Matthew J. Sauter, attorney for Lucy K. Modise, 3415 Hampton Avenue, St. Louis, MO 63139.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that upon disbursement of the Funds in the amounts authorized herein, Defendants shall forever release any and claims against one another concerning the life insurance proceeds at issue in this case, and each shall be permanently enjoined from pursuing such claims against one another in the future.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this matter is hereby **DISMISSED with prejudice**, with each party bearing its own costs.

Dated this 13th day of November, 2025.



RODNEY H. HOLMES
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE