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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF FULTON COUNTY  
STATE OF GEORGIA

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Fulton County, Georgia**

Civil Action No. 2003-CV-98888  
(Division One—ADB)

JOHN W. OXENDINE,

Plaintiff,

v.

TOTAL LIFE CARE, P.C., et al.,

Defendants,

v.

CAPITAL CITY BANK & TRUST  
COMPANY,

Third-Party Plaintiff,

v.

WILLIAM H. CLEVELAND, M.D., et al.,

Third-Party Defendants,

v.

TOTAL LIFE CARE, P.C., et al.,

Third-Party Plaintiffs,

v.

JOHN G. WHITMORE, et al.,

Third-Party Defendants.

**ORDER**

This case is before the Court on Plaintiff's Motion for Partial Summary Judgment Against Total Life Care, P.C., TLC Administrators, Inc.; TLC Management, Inc., Benjamin Woods M.D., and Iris Johnson. Plaintiff petitions the Court to rule in his favor on Count

Eight of the Complaint to collect on promissory notes from Total Life Care, P.C. (hereinafter "TLC") and on the counterclaims asserted by the Defendants.

From December 2001 through December 2002, Defendant TLC executed and delivered thirteen promissory notes to Providers Direct Health Plan of Georgia, Inc. (hereinafter "PDHP"). All thirteen notes are executed by Benjamin Woods on behalf of TLC in favor of PDHP. All thirteen notes were due one calendar year from the date of execution, provided for a 12% annual interest rate, provided for a 2% late fee, and required TLC to pay the costs of collection, including reasonable attorney's fees.

The identified payee in possession of a note, a "holder", is entitled to enforce a promissory note. O.C.G.A. §§11-1-201(20), 11-3-301. Plaintiff, as the appointed liquidator of PDHP pursuant to O.C.G.A. § 33-37-1, is entitled to enforce the promissory notes against TLC on PDHP's behalf. Upon review of the notes in question, the Court hereby **GRANTS** Plaintiff's ~~motion~~ for summary judgment on Count Eight, collection of promissory notes. The Court therefore awards Plaintiff \$4,268,877.10 plus interest of \$937.28 per day after June 15, 2006, as well as reasonable attorney's fees associated with this claim and any collection costs incurred by Plaintiff.

Defendants assert a series of counterclaims against Plaintiff in connection with Plaintiff's licensing and oversight of PDHP. After careful consideration of the arguments, the Court finds as follows:

The State and State officials are immune from tort claims pursuant to Art. 1, Sec. 2, Par. 9 of the Constitution of the State of Georgia except as set forth in the State Tort Claims Act. Under the State Tort Claims Act, State employees engaged in licensing functions enjoy governmental immunity for such actions. O.C.G.A. § 50-21-24 states "[t]he

SO ORDERED this 8 day of December, 2006.

Alice D. Bonner  
ALICE D. BONNER, SENIOR JUDGE  
Superior Court of Fulton County  
Atlanta Judicial Circuit

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