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At IAS Part 60 of the Supreme Court of the State of New York, held in and for the County of New York, at the Courthouse located at 60 Centre Street, New York,

New York on the 31st day of March 2023

In the matter of the application of

WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, U.S. BANK NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON, THE BANK OF NEW YORK
MELLON TRUST COMPANY, N.A.,
WILMINGTON TRUST, NATIONAL
ASSOCIATION, HSBC BANK USA, N.A., and
DEUTSCHE BANK NATIONAL TRUST
COMPANY (as Trustees, Indenture Trustees,
Securities Administrators, Paying Agents, and/or
Calculation Agents of Certain Residential MortgageBacked Securitization Trusts).

Petitioners,

For Judicial Instructions under CPLR Article 77 on the Distribution of a Settlement Payment.

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PARTIAL SEVERANCE ORDER AND PARTIAL FINAL JUDGMENT (GPMF 2006-AR3, Group II)

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WHEREAS, the Petitioners identified in the above case caption commenced this proceeding under CPLR Article 77 by filing a petition (the "Petition") seeking judicial instructions concerning the administration and distribution of a settlement payment (the "Settlement Payment") for 270 residential mortgage-backed securities trusts identified in Exhibit A to the Petition (the "Settlement Trusts") under a settlement agreement dated as of November 15, 2013 and modified as of July 29, 2014 (the "Settlement Agreement"); and

WHEREAS, all capitalized terms used and not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Petition; and

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WHEREAS, pursuant to the Settlement Agreement, the Settlement Payment is to be

apportioned among the Settlement Trusts, including the individual loan groups therein and classes

of principal only certificates therein, based on "Allocable Shares" calculated in an expert report

filed with the Court at NYSCEF Nos. 178 and 179;1 and

WHEREAS, by Order to Show Cause dated December 19, 2017 and Interim Order dated

December 20, 2017 (collectively, the "December Orders"), the Court authorized and directed the

Petitioners to place the Allocable Shares for the Settlement Trusts in escrow; and

WHEREAS, the Court has been advised that the escrow provisions of the December Orders

have been complied with and that the Allocable Shares for the Settlement Trusts, plus any

investment earnings thereon, are currently invested as directed in the December Orders; and

WHEREAS, under the December Orders, the Court directed the Petitioners to provide

notice of this proceeding pursuant to the notice program described in the December Orders (the

"Notice Program"), and the Court found that the Notice Program was the best notice practicable,

was reasonably calculated to put interested persons on notice of the proceeding, and constituted

due and sufficient notice of the proceeding in satisfaction of federal and state due process

requirements and other applicable law; and

WHEREAS, the Notice Program directed that interested persons respond to the Petition on

or before January 29, 2018, and only the Institutional Investors<sup>2</sup> and Ambac Assurance Corporation

<sup>1</sup> The term "loan pool" as used herein refers to any loan group, loan subgroup, loan pool, loan subpool, or any other applicable grouping, pooling, or other assemblage of loans. Additionally, the term "certificate"

as used herein refers to certificates, notes, or other applicable securities.

<sup>2</sup> All references to the "Institutional Investors" in this Partial Severance Order and Partial Final Judgment include each and every one of the sixteen institutions identified in the Institutional Investors' Notice of

Appearance (Dkt. No. 135).

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("Ambac") (together, the "Interested Parties") have asserted interests in Loan Group II of GPMF 2006-AR3 (the "Undisputed Loan Group"); and

WHEREAS, on February 13, 2020, the Court issued a Decision and Order on the Petition, and Ordered, among other things, that "as to any Settlement Trust in which all interested respondents are able, after the issuance of this decision and in consultation with the Trustees, to resolve a dispute as to any issue that is the subject of this proceeding, they may do so independent of the court's ultimate determination as to how such issue should be resolved among parties that continue to dispute the issue"; and

WHEREAS, the Interested Parties agree and consent to this [proposed] Partial Severance Order and Partial Final Judgment (the "Order"), which resolves the issues for which judicial instructions were sought concerning the administration and distribution of the Allocable Shares for the Undisputed Loan Group (the "Subject Allocable Shares"); and

WHEREAS, the Undisputed Loan Group is governed by a Pooling and Serving Agreement (the "Governing Agreement") in which Wells Fargo Bank, National Association ("Wells Fargo") serves as the trustee and securities administrator (in such capacity, the "Subject Petitioner"); and

WHEREAS, as used herein, the term "Judgment Entry Date" means the first date on which counsel of record to the parties hereto receive a copy of this Order signed by the Court by email or NYSCEF service, without regard to when the Court actually signs or the Clerk actually enters this Order; and

WHEREAS, as used herein the term "Transfer Month" means the second month after the month in which the Judgment Entry Date occurs; and

WHEREAS, as used herein, the term "Transfer Target Date" means the fifteenth day of the Transfer Month; and

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WHEREAS, as used herein, the term "AS Distribution Date" means the Distribution Date (as that term is defined in the Governing Agreement) for the Undisputed Loan Group occurring in the Transfer Month, and

NOW, THEREFORE, on the motion of Warner Partners, P.C. and Gibbs & Bruns LLP, attorneys for the Institutional Investors and Patterson Belknap Webb & Tyler LLP, attorneys for Ambac, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that, on or before the Transfer Target Date, the Subject Petitioner is to (i) cause escrowed assets to be liquidated to cash with a value equal to the Subject Allocable Shares for the Undisputed Loan Groups plus any investment earnings thereon, and (ii) cause the Subject Allocable Shares and investment earnings thereon to be deposited in the respective distribution accounts of the Undisputed Loan Group. From the time of the aforedescribed deposit, the amount so deposited shall be deemed the Subject Allocable Shares for the Undisputed Loan Group for all purposes under the Settlement Agreement and this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that sums representing investment earnings accrued on the Subject Allocable Shares not received at the time escrowed assets are liquidated to cash pursuant to the immediately preceding paragraph ("Trailing Interest") shall be distributed on the Distribution Date for the month the Trailing Interest is received by the Subject Petitioner so long as the Trailing Interest is received on or before the fifteenth day of the month or, if the Trailing Interest is received after the fifteenth day of the month, the Trailing Interest be distributed on the Distribution Date for the immediately following month. Any Trailing Interest shall be deemed a Subject Allocable Share for the Undisputed Loan Group on whose Allocable Share such Trailing

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Interest was accrued, and any Trailing Interest shall be administered and distributed as a Subject Allocable Share subject to the terms of the Settlement Agreement and this Order; and

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that the Subject Petitioner shall distribute the Subject Allocable Shares to certificateholders of the Undisputed Loan Group on the AS Distribution Date; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that in administering and distributing the Subject Allocable Shares for the Undisputed Loan Group, the Subject Petitioner (i) shall first increase the applicable certificate principal balances in the amount of the Settlement Payment Write-Up (the "Written-Up Certificate Principal Balances"), and, after applying the Settlement Payment Write-Up, (ii) shall then distribute the Subject Allocable Shares to certificateholders based on the Written-Up Certificate Principal Balances, in each of the cases of (i) and (ii) above in a manner consistent with the other terms in this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that in administering and distributing the Subject Allocable Shares for the Undisputed Loan Group, the Subject Petitioner shall increase the certificate principal balances of the applicable classes of certificates in the amount of the Settlement Payment Write-Up in accordance with the subsequent recovery write up provisions in the Governing Agreement (the "Governing Agreement Write-Up Instructions"); provided, however, that the Governing Agreement Write-Up Instructions shall be applied in conjunction with the Settlement Agreement Write-Up Instruction in a manner that causes all classes of certificates, specifically including any senior certificates, as defined in the Governing Agreement, with outstanding unpaid realized losses to be eligible to be increased by the amount of the Settlement Payment Write-Up (without regard to any language in the Governing Agreement that

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could be construed as rendering any classes of certificates ineligible to be increased by the Settlement Payment Write-Up); and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that in administering and distributing the Subject Allocable Shares, the Subject Payment Administrator shall increase the certificate principal balances for the applicable classes of certificates eligible to be written up consistent with this Order in the amount of the Settlement Payment Write-Up using the applicable Governing Agreement Write-Up Instructions. Where the Governing Agreements provide for certificate write-ups to be performed according to "payment priority," "order of seniority," or "sequentially," the terms "payment priority," "order of seniority," or "sequentially" shall mean in the reverse order in which Realized Losses are allocated under the Governing Agreements; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that any aspects of the administration and distribution of the Subject Allocable Shares not expressly addressed in this Order shall be performed as provided for in the Governing Agreement and the Settlement Agreement; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that this Order is not applicable to, and shall be without prejudice to and shall have no precedential effect on, (i) any argument of any party concerning any other issue in this proceeding not explicitly provided for in this Order; (ii) the Settlement Trusts for which no investors have appeared in this proceeding or any trust, indenture, or other securitization other than the Undisputed Loan Group, or (iii) any applications to certificate balances (e.g., write-ups) or distributions of payments or funds other than the Subject Allocable Shares; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that certificateholders, noteholders, and any other parties claiming rights or interests in any of the Undisputed Loan Group are barred from

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asserting claims against the Subject Petitioner with respect to any conduct taken to implement and comply with the terms of this Order and with respect to the Subject Petitioner's administration and distribution of the Settlement Payment with respect to such Undisputed Loan Group, so long as such conduct is performed in accordance with the terms of this Order; and it is further

ORDERED, ADJUDGED and DECREED that upon the occurrence of the Judgment Entry Date, the Subject Petitioner shall promptly post a copy of this Order, bearing the Court's signature, on <a href="http://rmbstrusteesettlement.com/">http://rmbstrusteesettlement.com/</a>, the website established by Petitioners; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk of New York County be, and he hereby is, directed to enter this Order forthwith and without delay.

Dated: New York, New York

March 31, 2023

Hon. Melissa A. Crane, J.S.C.

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Judgment signed and entered this \_\_\_\_\_ day

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