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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Benjamin Chew,
Plaintiff,
v.
Homesite Insurance Company, *et al.*,
Defendants.

No. CV-25-00818-PHX-JJT
ORDER

At issue is Plaintiff’s Motion to Appoint Umpire (Doc. 23), to which Defendant filed a Response (Doc. 24), Plaintiff filed a Reply (Doc. 25), and Defendant filed a Sur-Reply (Doc. 27) at the request of the Court (Doc. 26).

Upon review, the Court will appoint Paul McGoldrick of the firm Shorall McGoldrick as a neutral umpire in the appraisal of the amount of loss in this matter. (*See* Docs. 19, 23.) In opposing Defendant’s request for the appointment of Mr. McGoldrick, Plaintiff contends that, while Mr. McGoldrick is a “respected neutral[] in the legal community with regard to conclusions of law,” he is “not experienced in the factual determinations at issue in this appraisal pertaining to construction or roofing.” (Doc. 25 at 2.) However, Defendant asserts that Mr. McGoldrick “has been appointed and is currently serving as an umpire in at least three property disputes and has previously handled numerous property appraisal disputes as an umpire.” (Doc. 24 at 4 (citing Mr. McGoldrick’s bio detailing his experience).) The Court disagrees with Plaintiff that Mr. McGoldrick lacks the requisite experience or expertise to resolve the present dispute

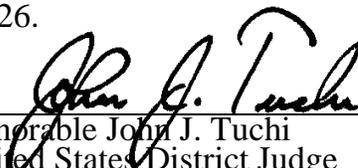
1 in the appraisal of property loss, and his reputation as a mediator, arbitrator, attorney, and
2 judge is undisputed. Accordingly,

3 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** granting in part Plaintiff's Motion to Appoint Umpire
4 (Doc. 23).

5 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** appointing Paul McGoldrick of the firm Shorall
6 McGoldrick as a neutral umpire under the Policy in the appraisal of the amount of loss in
7 this matter.

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** staying the current action for ninety (90) days, until
9 and including **April 13, 2026**, pending the outcome of the appraisal. Within ten (10) days
10 of completion of the appraisal, the parties shall request the Court to lift the stay or dismiss
11 the case.

12 Dated this 13th day of January, 2026.

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15 Honorable John J. Tuchi
16 United States District Judge
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