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[Client Name]

[Client Address]

[City, State, Zip Code]

Re: Legal Opinion Regarding Safe Harbor Provisions under 11 U.S.C. § 546(e)

Dear [Client Name],

You have requested a legal opinion regarding whether certain transfers made by [Debtor Name] (the "Debtor") to [Recipient Name] are protected from avoidance as preferential transfers under the "Safe Harbor" provisions of the United States Bankruptcy Code.

1. Background

On [Date], the Debtor filed a voluntary petition for relief under Chapter [Number] of the Bankruptcy Code. During the 90-day preference period, the Debtor made payments totaling \$[Amount] to [Recipient Name] in connection with [Describe Transaction, e.g., a securities settlement or repurchase agreement].

2. Legal Standard

Under 11 U.S.C. § 547(b), a trustee may avoid certain transfers made to creditors shortly before a bankruptcy filing. However, 11 U.S.C. § 546(e) provides a "Safe Harbor" that prohibits the avoidance of a transfer that is a settlement payment or a transfer made in connection with a securities contract, commodity contract, or forward contract, provided the transfer is made by or to a financial institution, financial participant, or other qualifying entity.

3. Analysis

Based on our review of the documentation provided, it is our opinion that the transfers qualify for protection because:

- The payments constitute "settlement payments" or transfers made "in connection with a securities contract" as defined in the Code.
- The parties involved qualify as "financial institutions" or "financial participants."
- The transfers were completed through [Name of Clearing Agency or Bank].

4. Conclusion

Subject to the qualifications set forth herein, it is our opinion that a court would likely find that the transfers are protected by the Safe Harbor provisions of 11 U.S.C. § 546(e) and are therefore not subject to recovery as preferences.

Sincerely,

[Your Name/Law Firm Name]
[Signature]