Guide for Opinion of Master Tenant's Counsel Section 232

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11	{For use in FHA-Insured Section 232 Transactions}
12	{TO BE TYPED ON FIRM LETTERHEAD}
13	{INSERT DATE OF ENDORSEMENT}
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16	U.S. Department of Housing and
17	Urban Development
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21	[Lender]
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25	[Lender's Counsel]
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29	Re: Project Name:
30	FHA Project No.:
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33	Master Tenant:
34	Operator:
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36	Dear Sir/Madam:
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38	We are counsel to ("Master Tenant") a [corporation/limited
39	liability company/limited partnership] organized under the laws of the State of
40	("Organizational Jurisdiction") in connection with the mortgage loan ("Loan") in the original

41	principal amount of(\$) from
42	, a [insert name and entity type of lender] ("Lender"), to
43	[insert name and entity type] ("Borrower")]. The proceeds of the Loan will
44	be used to [finance] OR [refinance a loan or loans secured by] that certain [skilled nursing
45	facility/intermediate care facility/board and care home/assisted living facility, as appropriate]
46	commonly known as ("Healthcare Facility"). The Loan is being insured by
47	the Federal Housing Administration ("FHA"), an organizational unit of the United States
48	Department of Housing and Urban Development ("HUD") under the provisions of Section 232
49	of the National Housing Act and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The Loan is being
50	secured, in part, by personal property located in or on the Healthcare Facility, the real property
51	on which the Healthcare Facility is located ("Land") as described in Exhibit A attached hereto
52	and incorporated herein, and any other improvements situated on the Land ("Improvements")
53	(the Land, the Healthcare Facility, and the Improvements, together with any and all assets of
54	whatever nature or wherever situated and by which a lien is secured pursuant to the Loan, are
55	hereinafter sometimes referred to as the "Project"). The Healthcare Facility is located in
56	County, (said state to be referred to herein as the "Property
57	Jurisdiction").
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59	Borrower and Master Tenant are parties to a Master Lease dated as of,
60	20 ("Master Lease"), whereby the Master Tenant leases the Project from the Borrower.
61	Master Tenant and a [enter state and type of entity], (the
62	"Operator") are parties to an operating sublease for the Project dated as of, 20
63	("Operating Lease"), whereby the Master Tenant leases the Project to Operator. In order to
64	secure Master Tenant's performance under the Master Lease, Master Tenant has granted or will
65	grant to Lender a security interest in certain assets of the Master Tenant, including accounts and
66	healthcare insurance receivables.
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68	Borrower and Master Tenant have requested that we deliver this opinion letter, and
69	Borrower and Master Tenant have consented to reliance on this opinion letter by the Lender and
70	HUD, and the counsel of each, in making and insuring, respectively, the Loan.
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72	Each initially capitalized term used, but not otherwise defined, in this opinion shall have
73	the meaning ascribed to such term in the Master Tenant Security Agreement (defined below).
74	Terms defined in the Uniform Commercial Code of any applicable state ("UCC") shall have the
75	meanings set forth in the UCC. The following terms shall have the following meanings:
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77	I. "Master Tenant's Collateral" means the collateral granted to the Lender by the Mast

- I. "Master Tenant's Collateral" means the collateral granted to the Lender by the Master Tenant pursuant to the Master Tenant Security Agreement.
- II. "Filing Collateral" means Master Tenant's Collateral that constitutes any interest in accounts, equipment, inventory, general intangibles, instruments, or chattel paper as defined in the UCC, and for which perfection is completed by filing under Section 9-310(a) of the UCC.

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85 86 87	III.	"Control Collateral" means Master Tenant's Collateral which constitutes deposit accounts, and upon which a security interest must be perfected by control as specified in Section 9-314 of the UCC.
88 89 90 91	IV.	"UCC Filing Office" means, with respect to the Master Tenant, the office of the Secretary of State [or specify other comparable office] of the Organizational Jurisdiction.
92 93 94	V.	"Land Records Recording Office" means the office of the public land records of the county where the Healthcare Facility is located.
95 96 97		our capacity as counsel to the Master Tenant, we have prepared or reviewed executed he following:
98 99	•	The following documents with respect to Master Tenant [INCLUDE MASTER
100 101 102	7.4	TENANT'S PRINCIPAL, IF APPLICABLE]: Certificate of the [Officer/Manager] on behalf of Master Tenant, dated, 20, authenticating the following organizational documents and resolutions [list all organizational documents,
103 104		including]: [appropriate formation document(s)] filed with the [appropriate office] of the State of on, 20; the executed
105 106 107		[Operating Agreement/Bylaws] of Master Tenant, dated, 20; and the authorizing resolution dated, 20 (collectively, "Organizational Documents");
108 109 110 111	В.	Healthcare Regulatory Agreement - Master Tenant (HUD-92337-ORCF) for Healthcare by and between HUD and Master Tenant dated, 20 ("Regulatory Agreement - Master Tenant");
112113114115116	C.	[(Revise as applicable) Master Lease Subordination, Non-Disturbance, and Attornment Agreement OR Subordination Agreement (HUD-92333-ORCF) {Use SNDA for Master Tenant having no identity of interest with Borrower, use Subordination for Master Tenants who have an identity of interest with
117 118 119		Borrower} executed by Borrower, Master Tenant, Operator and Lender, dated
120 121 122 123	D.	Master Tenant Security Agreement (HUD-92340-ORCF), dated, 20, executed by the Master Tenant as grantor in favor of Lender and HUD as secured parties, and covering the various items of collateral described therein ("Master Tenant's Collateral");
124 125 126 127 128 129	E.	Two (2) UCC-1 Financing Statements naming the Master Tenant as grantor and the Lender and HUD as the secured parties ("Master Tenant Financing Statements") to be filed in the UCC Filing Office and the Land Records Recording Office (together, "Filing Offices") in conjunction with the closing of the Loan;

130 F 131 132 133 134	dated as of, 20, by and among [Operator, Master Tenant] Lender and [Depository Bank][(if applicable, add the following:), and ("AR Lender")] ("Control Agreement");
	G. [If applicable] Deposit Account Instructions Service Agreement (Government Receipts) dated as of, 20, by and among [Operator, Master Tenant] Lender and [Depository Bank][(if applicable, add the following:), and AR Lender] ("DAISA");
	I. [If Master Tenant is a party to AR Financing: Intercreditor Agreement dated, executed by and among [Operator, Master Tenant,] Borrower, Lender and AR Lender;]
144 I. 145 146 147 148	[If Master Tenant is a party to AR Financing: Those certain accounts receivable loan documents executed by [Master Tenant, Operator] and other parties thereto as borrowers, and AR Lender, as lender, as listed in Exhibit B hereto ("AR Loan Documents");]
149 J 150 151 152	Certification of Master Tenant, pertaining to certain factual matters as relied upon by us in rendering this opinion, dated as of even date herewith, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit C ("Master Tenant's Opinion Certification");
154 155 156 157	Certificate of [Good Standing/Existence/Status] of Master Tenant [INCLUDE MASTER TENANT'S PRINCIPAL, IF APPLICABLE] issued by the Secretary of State, dated, 20, for Master Tenant as attached in Exhibit D hereto, [and, if applicable, a Certificate of Authority to do business as a foreign entity issued by the Secretary of State, dated, 20
158 159 160	for Master Tenant as attached in Exhibit E hereto] ([collectively,] "Good Standing Certificates");
161 L 162 163 164	. Master Lease Estoppel Certificate furnished by Master Tenant and Borrower to Lender and HUD dated, 20, together with the copy of the Master Lease attached thereto;
165 N 166 167 168 169	M. Searches, as specified in Program Obligations, conducted by, dated of the public records of the federal District Court and State and local courts in: (i) the jurisdiction where the Healthcare Facility is located; and (ii) the jurisdiction(s) where the Master Tenant and Operator are located and do business ("Docket Search");
	J. Searches conducted bydatedof the financing records located in: (i) the Land Records Recording Office; and (ii) the UCC Filing Office ("UCC Search").

All of the documents listed in A through N above are referred to collectively as the "Documents." The documents listed in B through I above are referred to collectively as the "HUD Documents" or the "Transaction Documents." Those documents listed in F, G and I and on Exhibit "B" hereto are referred to collectively as the "AR Loan Documents." The accounts receivable loan evidenced by the AR Loan Documents is hereafter referred to as the "AR Loan." The documents listed in J through N above are referred to collectively as the "Supporting Documents."

In basing the opinions set forth herein on "our knowledge," the words "our knowledge" signify that, in the course of our representation of the Master Tenant, no facts have come to our attention that would give us actual knowledge or actual notice that any such opinions or other matters are not accurate. Except as otherwise stated in this opinion, we have undertaken no investigation or verification of such matters. Further, the words "our knowledge" as used in this opinion are intended to be limited to the actual knowledge of the attorneys within our firm who have been involved in representing the Master Tenant in any capacity, including but not limited to, in connection with the Loan. We have no reason to believe that any of the documents on which we have relied contain matters which, or the assumptions contained herein, are untrue, contrary to known facts, or unreasonable.

As used herein, "Specified Master Tenant Affiliates" means the Operator and all other operators [use applicable terms] named in the Master Lease.

In reaching the opinion set forth below, we have assumed, and to our knowledge there are no facts inconsistent with, the following:

AA. Each of the parties to the Documents (other than the Master Tenant and Specified Master Tenant Affiliates, and any person executing any of the Documents on behalf of the Master Tenant or any Specified Master Tenant Affiliates) has duly and validly executed and delivered each such instrument, document and agreement to be executed and to which such party is a signatory, and such party's obligations set forth in the Documents are its legal, valid, and binding obligations, enforceable in accordance with their respective terms.

BB. Each person executing any of the Documents (other than the Master Tenant and Specified Master Tenant Affiliates, and any person executing any of the Transaction Documents on behalf of the Master Tenant or any Specified Master Tenant Affiliate), whether individually or on behalf of an entity, is duly authorized to do so.

CC. Each natural person executing any of the Documents is legally competent to do so.

DD. All signatures of parties other than the Master Tenant and Specified Master Tenant Affiliate (and any person executing any of the Documents on behalf of Master Tenant or any Specified Master Tenant Affiliate) are genuine.

EE. All Documents which were submitted to us as originals are authentic; all Documents 218 which were submitted to us as certified or photostatic copies conform to the original 219 document; and all public records reviewed are accurate and complete. 220 221 FF. All applicable Documents have been duly filed, indexed, and recorded among the 222 appropriate official records and all fees, charges, and taxes due and owing as of this date 223 have been paid. 224 225 GG. The parties to the Documents and their successors and/or assigns will: (i) act in good 226 faith in the exercise of any rights or enforcement of any remedies under the Documents; 227 (ii) not engage in any conduct in the exercise of such rights or enforcement of such 228 remedies that would constitute other than fair and impartial dealing; and (iii) comply with 229 all requirements of applicable procedural and substantive law in exercising any rights or 230 enforcing any remedies under the Documents. 231 232 HH. The exercise of any rights or enforcement of any remedies under the Transaction 233 234 Documents would not be unconscionable, result in a breach of the peace, or otherwise be contrary to public policy. 235 236 II. Value has been given to the Master Tenant in consideration of the security interest to 237 be granted by Master Tenant under the Master Tenant Security Agreement, and, where 238 Master Tenant's Collateral is to be acquired after the date hereof, a security interest is 239 created under the after-acquired property clause of the Master Tenant Security 240 Agreement. 241 242 JJ. Master Tenant has rights in the Master Tenant's Collateral or the power to transfer 243 rights in the Master Tenant's Collateral to a secured party [, including rights to the 244 Project's accounts and deposit accounts for accounts receivables subject to the Control 245 Agreement]. 246 247 KK. In rendering this opinion, we also have assumed that the Transaction Documents 248 accurately reflect the complete understanding of the parties with respect to the 249 transactions contemplated thereby and the rights and obligations of the parties thereunder. 250 We also have assumed that the terms and the conditions of the Loan referred to in the 251 HUD Documents have not been amended, modified, or supplemented, directly or 252 indirectly, by any other agreement or understanding of the parties, or waiver of any of the 253 material provisions of the documents comprising or embodying same. After reasonable 254 inquiry of the Master Tenant, we have no knowledge of any facts or information that 255 would lead us to believe that the assumptions in this paragraph are not justified. 256 257 LL. In rendering our opinion, we have, with your approval, relied as to certain matters of 258 fact set forth in the Master Tenant's Opinion Certification, the Good Standing 259 Certificates, and certain other specified Documents, as set forth herein. After reasonable 260 inquiry of the Master Tenant as to the accuracy and completeness of the Master Tenant's 261

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information that would lead us to believe that such reliance is not justified.

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- (ii) the effect of the exercise of judicial discretion in accordance with general principles of equity (whether applied by a court of law or of equity); and,
- (iii) certain remedies, waivers, and other provisions of the Transaction Documents may not be enforceable, but, subject to the qualifications set forth in this paragraph at (i) and (ii) above, such unenforceability will not preclude Lender from the practical realization of the principal benefits of the remedies provided for therein in event of a breach thereunder.
- 5. The execution and delivery and receipt of, and the performance of the obligations under, the Transaction Documents to which Master Tenant is a party will not violate the Organizational Documents of the Master Tenant.
- 6. Based solely on (a) our knowledge and (b) the Master Tenant's Opinion Certification, the execution and delivery of the Documents will not: (i) cause the Master Tenant to be in violation of or constitute a material default under the provisions of, any agreement to which the Master Tenant is a party or by which Master Tenant is bound, (ii) conflict with, or result in the breach of, any court judgment, decree, or order of any governmental body to which Master Tenant is subject, or (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge, or encumbrance of any nature whatsoever on any of the property or assets of the Master Tenant, except for such lien, charge or encumbrance contemplated by the Documents.
- 7. The Master Tenant Security Agreement is effective to create a security interest in the Master Tenant's Collateral in favor of the Lender and HUD (hereinafter sometimes collectively referred to as the "Secured Party") in those items of Master Tenant's Collateral consisting of personal property in which a security interest can be created under Article 9 of the UCC, subject to the following qualification: no opinion is expressed concerning the creation or validity of any security interest in any health care licenses, provider agreements, certificates of need or healthcare receivables or any interest therein (collectively the "Healthcare Entitlements") to the extent that, directly or indirectly, assigning, transferring, pledging, hypothecating or otherwise conveying all or any portion of the Healthcare Entitlements is prohibited under relevant federal, state, or local law.
- 8. The Master Tenant Security Agreement authorizes the Lender to file financing statements pursuant to the Uniform Commercial Code, which name the Master Tenant as debtor and identify the Master Tenant's Collateral, in such locations as are necessary and appropriate under the Uniform Commercial Code.
- 9. The Master Tenant Financing Statements are in proper form for filing and acceptance in the Filing Offices (including specification of Master Tenant's exact legal name), and upon filing and acceptance of the Master Tenant Financing Statements in the Filing Offices, the security interest in the Filing Collateral will be perfected in favor of the Secured Party.

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357	10. [If AR Financing involved and Master Tenant is a party:] The Lender's security
358	interest in the bank account described in the Control Agreement, and the proceeds
359	therein, will be perfected upon (i) execution and delivery of the Master Tenant
360	Security Agreement by all parties thereto and (ii) execution and delivery of the
361	Control Agreement by all parties thereto.
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363	11. [If AR Financing involved and Master Tenant is a party:] Based solely on our review
364	of the Transaction Documents, the AR Loan Documents, and the Master Tenant's
365	Opinion Certification, the accounts receivable and related deposit account collateral
366	provided by Master Tenant to AR Lender under the AR Loan Documents, if any, and
367	to Lender under the HUD Documents are not subject to a security interest or
368	otherwise provided as collateral or encumbered in favor of AR Lender to secure any
369	indebtedness or obligation to AR Lender other than the obligations arising under the
370	AR Loan Documents.
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371	12. Based solely on (a) our knowledge, (b) the Master Tenant's Opinion Certification and
372	(c) the Docket Search, there is no litigation or other claim pending before any court or administrative or other governmental body or threatened in writing against the Master
373 374	Tenant or the Project, except as identified in the List of Litigation attached hereto as
37 4 375	Exhibit F, if any.
3/3	Exhibit 1, if any.
376	13. Under Section 9-304 of the Uniform Commercial Code ("UCC"), the Control
377	Agreement, and the DAISA, the law governing perfection and priority relating to the
378	deposit accounts designated in the Control Agreement and DAISA is the Uniform
379	Commercial Code of the Control Collateral State.
380	14. In addition to the foregoing opinions, we confirm that:
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382	(a) the jurisdiction of the Depository Bank, for purposes of the Control Agreement
383	and DAISA, within the meaning of Section 9-304 of the UCC is the state of
384	("Control Collateral State"); and
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386	(b) this document does not deviate from the standard Guide for Opinion of Master
387	Tenant's Counsel, Rev{{INSERT DATE OF STANDARD FORM}} except
388	for such changes as have been identified to and specifically approved by HUD
389	counsel (INSERT SPECIFIC CHANGES IF DESIRED BY MASTER
390	TENANT'S COUNSEL } and as shown on the comparison copy of this opinion to
391	the standard form attached as Exhibit G .
392 393	In addition to the assumptions, qualifications and confirmations set forth above, the opinions set
394	forth above are also subject to the following additional qualifications:
395	Total above are also subject to the following additional qualifications.
396	(i) The Uniform Commercial Code, as adopted in the law of the state of the UCC
397	Filing Office, requires the periodic filing of continuation statements with the [INSERT STATE]
398	Secretary of State not more than six months prior to and not later than the
399	expiration of the 5-year period from the date of filing of the Master Tenant Financing Statement

400 401	and the expiration of each subsequent 5-year period after the original filing, in order to maintain the perfection and priority of security interests and to keep the Master Tenant Financing
402	Statement in effect.
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404	(ii) We express no opinion as to the laws of any jurisdiction other than (a) the laws of
405	the Organizational Jurisdiction and the Property Jurisdiction, (b) the Uniform Commercial Code
406	("UCC") of the state of the UCC Filing Office, (c) Sections 9-314 and 9-304 of the UCC of the
407	Collateral Control State, and (d) the laws of the United States of America. The opinions
408	expressed above concern only the effect of the laws (excluding the principles of conflict of laws)
409	of these state laws, and the laws of the United States of America as currently in effect. We
410	assume no obligation to supplement this opinion if any applicable laws change after the date of
411	this opinion, or if we become aware of any facts that might change the opinions expressed above
412	after the date of this opinion.
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416	The foregoing confirmations and opinions are for the exclusive reliance of HUD [and Lender OR
417 418	Lender and Lender's counsel], and have been made, presented, and delivered for the purpose of influencing an official action of HID in inquiring the Lean, and may be relied upon by HID.
419	influencing an official action of HUD in insuring the Loan, and may be relied upon by HUD.
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436	*** If counsel rendering this opinion has a concern as to whether issuing the opinion may be
437	considered the unauthorized practice of law in your state, counsel should contact their State Bar
438	for clarification.***
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440	Attachments:
441	Exhibit "A" – Legal Description
442	Exhibit "B" – AR Loan Documents
443	Exhibit "C" - Certification of Master Tenant
444	Exhibit "D" – Certificate of Good Standing

Exhibit "E" – Certificate of Authority
Exhibit "F" – List of Litigation, if any
Exhibit "G" – Comparison copy of opinion form
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EXHIBIT "C" 458 CERTIFICATION OF MASTER TENANT 459 460 This Certification of Master Tenant is made the ____ day of ______, 20__ by Master Tenant 461 for reliance upon by ("Master Tenant's Counsel"), in connection with the 462 issuance of opinion letter dated of even date herewith ("Master Tenant Opinion Letter") by 463 Master Tenant's Counsel as a condition for the provision of mortgage insurance by HUD of the 464 Loan from Lender to Borrower. In connection with the Master Tenant Opinion Letter, the 465 Master Tenant hereby certifies to Master Tenant's Counsel for its reliance, the truth, accuracy 466 467 and completeness of the following matters: 468 The Organizational Documents are the only documents creating Master Tenant or 469 470 authorizing Master Tenant's execution of the HUD Documents to which it is a party, and the Organizational Documents have not been amended or modified except as stated in the Master 471 Tenant Opinion Letter. 472 473 474 2. The execution and delivery of the Documents will not (i) cause the Master Tenant to be in violation of, or constitute a material default under the provisions of any agreement to 475 which the Master Tenant is a party or by which the Master Tenant is bound, (ii) conflict with, or 476 result in the breach of, any court judgment, decree or order of any governmental body to which 477 the Master Tenant is subject, and (iii) result in the creation or imposition of any lien, charge, or 478 encumbrance of any nature whatsoever upon any of the property or assets of the Master Tenant, 479 480 except as specifically contemplated by the Transaction Documents. 481 3. There is no litigation or other claim pending before any court or administrative or 482 other governmental body or threatened against the Master Tenant, the Healthcare Facility, or any 483 other properties of the Master Tenant, except as identified in Exhibit F, List of Litigation, if any, 484 in the Opinion Letter]. 485 486 FOR PROJECTS HAVING AR FINANCING TO WHICH MASTER TENANT 487 IS A PARTY: The accounts receivable and related bank deposit account collateral provided by 488 489 Master Tenant to AR Lender under the AR Loan Documents, if any, and to Lender under the HUD Documents are not subject to a security interest or otherwise provided as collateral or 490 encumbered in favor of AR Lender to secure any indebtedness or obligation to AR Lender other 491 492 than the obligations arising under the AR Loan Documents. 493 494 All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings set forth in the Master 495 Tenant Opinion Letter.

498	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Master Tenant has executed this Certification of Master Tenant
499	effective as of the date set forth above.
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501	MASTER TENANT:
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505	Printed Name, Title:
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509	EXHIBIT "D"
510	CERTIFICATE OF GOOD STANDING
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516	CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY
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522	LIST OF LITIGATION (if any)
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EXHIBIT "G" COMPARISON COPY OF OPINION FORM