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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

In re:

SUSAN J. MULLEY,

Debtor.

Case No. 2:15-bk-17484-RK

Chapter 7

Adv. No. 2:15-ap-01446-RK

THE ATTORNEY GENERAL OF
CANADA ON BEHALF OF HER
MAJESTY THE QUEEN IN RIGHT OF
CANADA AS REPRESENTED BY THE
MINISTER OF NATIONAL REVENUE, a
Canadian governmental entity,

Plaintiff,

vs.

SUSAN J. MULLEY,

Defendant.

**STATEMENT OF UNCONTROVERTED
FACTS AND CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

Date: March 15, 2016
Time: 3:00 p.m.
Courtroom: 1675
Judge: Hon. Robert N. Kwan

Having reviewed the motion of Plaintiff, The Attorney General of Canada on behalf of Her Majesty The Queen as Represented by the Minister of National Revenue, a
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1 Canadian governmental entity (“Plaintiff”, “Her Majesty”, or “the Crown”)¹ for summary
2 judgment (Docket No. 11), the opposition of Defendant Susan J. Mulley, Debtor,
3 thereto (Docket No. 15), Plaintiff’s Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted
4 Facts and Conclusions of Law (Docket No. 21) and Defendant’s Response thereto
5 (Docket No. 22), the other papers and pleadings in this adversary proceeding, the
6 court hereby adopts the following statement of uncontested facts and conclusions
7 of law:

8 **I. STATEMENT OF UNCONTROVERTED FACTS**

<u>UNDISPUTED MATERIAL FACTS</u>	<u>SUPPORTING EVIDENCE</u>
11 1. The underlying Complaint concerns 12 Canada Guaranteed student loans made 13 pursuant to the <i>Canada Student Loans</i> 14 Act, R.S.C. 1985, c. S-23, as amended 15 (hereinafter “CSLA”), and its Regulations, 16 as amended (hereinafter “CSLRs”). 17 18 19 20 21 22 23 24	Plaintiff’s Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 1 (Docket No. 21); Defendant’s Response to Plaintiff’s Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1 (Docket No. 22) (“Defendant does not dispute the recitation of facts set forth in Plaintiff’s [Amended] Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law”); Complaint for Nondischargeability of Debt Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8) (hereinafter “Complaint”) as ¶ 4 (Docket No. 1); Defendant’s Answer to Complaint Objecting to Dischargeability of Debt 523(a)(8) (hereinafter “Answer”) at ¶ 1, (Docket No. 6); Declaration of Jennifer Lee Trottier in Support of Default Judgment (hereinafter “Declaration of Trottier”) at ¶ 1, attached thereto as Exhibit 3 to Plaintiff’s Statement of Undisputed Facts (Docket No. 14).

26 ¹ The references to “Her Majesty” and “the Crown” are to Elizabeth II, the Monarch of
27 Canada, who is the Head of State of Canada. See “The Monarch” on the website of
28 the Government of Canada at <http://canada.pch.gc.ca.eng/1444999464289>
(accessed on April 9, 2016); see also, The [Canada] Constitution Act, 1867, 30 & 31
Victoria, c. 3 (U.K.).

1 2 2. Defendant Susan J. Mulley, Debtor 3 (hereinafter "Defendant") entered into a 4 series of Guaranteed Canada student loan 5 agreements with the Canadian Imperial 6 Bank of Commerce (hereinafter the 7 "Lender") under which the Lender 8 disbursed to Defendant student loans 9 totaling CAD (Canadian Dollars) 56,140. 10 True and correct copies of these 11 Guaranteed Canada student loan 12 agreements are attached as Exhibit A to 13 Complaint.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 2 ; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 5 and Exhibit A attached thereto; Answer at ¶ 1.
9 10 3. After Defendant ceased to be a full time 11 student, she became liable to pay interest 12 accruing on the Guaranteed Canada 13 student loans.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 3; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 6; Answer at ¶ 1.
14 15 4. As Defendant opted to not pay, or failed 16 to pay, the interest accrued in this period, 17 it was added to and became part of the 18 principal amount of the Guaranteed 19 Canada student loans.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 4; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 7; Answer at ¶ 1.
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20 21 22 23 24 25	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 6; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 9; Declaration of Trottier at ¶ 10.
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1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10 11 <p>7. Defendant failed to maintain payments and comply with the formal demand sent by Lender, thus causing Lender to sustain a loss. Therefore, Lender submitted a Claim for Loss (Schedule 6) to Human Resources and Skills Development Canada (previously Social Development Canada and Human Resources and Social Development Canada) dated April 14, 2005, with respect to the Guaranteed student loans disbursed to Defendant. On or about May 12, 2005, the Crown paid the Lender the sum of \$51,680.91, which consisted of the principal amount of \$49,885.41, plus interest in the sum of \$1,780.50 and costs of \$15.00.</p>	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 7; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 10; Declaration of Trottier at ¶ 11.
12 13 14 15 16 17 <p>8. By virtue of the Crown's payment and section 30 of the CSLRs, Her Majesty became subrogated in and to all the rights of the Lender in respect of the outstanding Guaranteed Canada student loan referred to herein. Accordingly, Defendant's outstanding Canada student loans became a debt owing to the Crown.</p>	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 8; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 11; Declaration of Trottier at ¶ 12.
18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28 <p>9. Her Majesty tasked the Attorney General of Canada with collecting the Defendant's unpaid guaranteed Student Loans.</p>	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 9; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 12; Answer at ¶ 1.
22 23 24 25 26 27 28 <p>10. On or about January 23, 2008, Judgment was entered by the Ontario, Canada, Superior Court of Justice in favor of the Attorney General of Canada and against Defendant in the amount of CAD 62,577.89 and costs of CAD 1,411.00.</p>	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 10; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 13 and Exhibit C attached thereto; Answer at ¶ 1.

1	11. The Attorney General of Canada 2 engaged the Law Offices of H. Michael 3 Soroy to obtain a judgment enforceable 4 against Defendant in the State of California.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 11; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 14; Answer at ¶ 1.
6	12. On September 2, 2010, the Law 7 Offices of H. Michael Soroy obtained a 8 default judgment in the amount of United 9 States Dollars (USD) 71,830.16 in the 10 Superior Court of California for the County 11 of Los Angeles, case number BC432993, 12 against Defendant on behalf of Plaintiff, 13 the Attorney General of Canada.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 12; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 15 and Exhibit D attached thereto; Answer at ¶ 1.
11	13. Defendant's wages were garnished 12 and the balance due has been reduced to 13 USD 59,051.49.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 13; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 16; Answer at ¶ 1.
16	14. Defendant filed a voluntary petition for 17 relief under the provisions of Chapter 7 of 18 the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 19 U.S.C., on May 11, 2015, staying the garnishment of Debtor's wages.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 14; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Complaint at ¶ 17; Answer at ¶ 1.
21	15. Defendant's only affirmative defenses 22 to Plaintiff's Complaint are failure to state 23 a cause of action and that foreign student 24 loans are outside the scope of Section 523(a)(8) of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C.	Plaintiff's Amended Proposed Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, Fact No. 15; Defendant's Response to Plaintiff's Amended Statement of Uncontroverted Facts and Conclusions of Law, ¶ 1; Answer at ¶¶ 5-6.
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1 **II. CONCLUSIONS OF LAW**

2 1. A motion for summary judgment should be granted if there is no genuine
3 issue of material fact and the moving party is entitled to judgment as a matter of law.

4 *Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7056; Fed. R. Civ. P. 56; Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc.*, 477 U.S.
5 242, 247-248 (1986).

6 2. The moving party has the burden of showing that there is no genuine issue
7 of material fact, and that it is entitled to judgment as a matter of law. *Celotex Corp. v.*
8 *Catrett*, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986).

9 3. Educational loans made, insured, or guaranteed by a governmental unit,
10 including the loans which are the subject of this adversary proceeding, are not
11 dischargeable unless Defendant affirmatively obtains a hardship determination. 11
12 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8)(A); see also, *Tennessee Student Assistance Corp. v. Hood*, 541
13 U.S. 440, 450 (2004).

14 4. “Governmental unit” is defined within title 11 to include foreign states and
15 other foreign governments, which includes the Government of Canada. 11 U.S.C. §
16 101(27).

17 5. The discharge of debts in this bankruptcy case does not discharge the
18 Defendant’s debts from the educational loans made, insured, or guaranteed by the
19 Government of Canada, which are the subject of this adversary proceeding, since
20 there is no evidence showing that Defendant has affirmatively obtained an undue
21 hardship determination pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8)(A).

22 6. Based on the above statement of uncontested facts, Plaintiff has met his
23 burden of demonstrating as the party moving for summary judgment that there is no
24 genuine issue of material fact, and based on these conclusions of law, Plaintiff has
25 shown that he is entitled to judgment as a matter of law, and therefore, Plaintiff’s
26 motion for summary judgment should be granted.

27 7. A separate judgment determining that Defendant’s student loan debts are
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1 not dischargeable at this time pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(8)(A) is being filed
2 concurrently herewith.

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Date: April 11, 2016



Robert Kwan
United States Bankruptcy Judge