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Fwd: Superyacht Amadea - Owner Files Appeal Brief in Ongoing Forfeiture Dispute

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I am an advisor to Eduard Khudainatov, rightful owner of the Motoryacht Amadea.

Yesterday, attorneys for Mr. Khudainatov filed the [attached brief](#) in the Second Circuit Court of Appeals. The statement below can be attributed to Adam Ford, counsel for Eduard Khudainatov.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Eduard Khudainatov and Millemarin Investments File Appeal Brief in the Amadea Forfeiture Case

Attribute the following to Adam Ford of the law firm Ford, O'Brien Landy, counsel for Eduard Khudainatov:

New York, NY – 08.22.25 – “Eduard Khudainatov and Millemarin Investments filed his appeal brief with the Second Circuit challenging the district court’s ruling in the forfeiture of the motoryacht Amadea. Mr. Khudainatov is the rightful owner of the vessel, which he commissioned and built in 2016 and for which he retains title. The seizure of the Amadea was illegitimate, and we are confident that U.S. courts - as well as any other courts where ownership may be disputed in the future - will ultimately recognize his lawful rights.

“As the appeal establishes, the district court’s decision departed from long-established precedent governing forfeiture proceedings. For decades, courts have held that claimants with a clear, colorable interest, such as Mr. Khudainatov, have standing to contest forfeiture. These safeguards exist to prevent precisely the kind of government overreach and abuse that occurred during this politically motivated seizure when the Biden administration sought to bolster its foreign policy agenda.

“Any auction of the Amadea at this juncture is improper and premature, as ownership remains the subject of ongoing litigation. We will continue to fight for Mr. Khudainatov’s rightful property wherever that fight may lead, and we remain steadfast in our commitment to ensure that justice is served.”

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