



GOVERNMENT OF PUERTO RICO PUERTO RICO SALES TAX FINANCING CORPORATION

FIRST CIRCUIT AGAIN UPHOLDS CONFIRMATION OF COFINA PLAN OF ADJUSTMENT

(March 3, 2021 - San Juan) On March 2, 2021, the United States Court of Appeals for the First Circuit affirmed Judge Laura Taylor Swain’s order confirming the Puerto Rico Sales Tax Financing Corporation (the “**Corporation**” or “**COFINA**,” by its Spanish acronym) Plan of Adjustment under the Puerto Rico Oversight, Management, and Economic Stability Act (“**PROMESA**”). As decided in a similar case on February 8, 2021, the Court again concluded that efforts to revoke the COFINA Plan of Adjustment were barred under the doctrine of equitable mootness because the plan has already been implemented.

The February case and this current case were brought by different plaintiffs yet presented similar issues. With this decision, there are no further cases pending challenging the validity of the COFINA Plan of Adjustment. Appellants have the right to file a petition for rehearing in the First Circuit and/or a petition for certiorari in the U.S Supreme Court.

“COFINA’s independent Board of Directors and its management are pleased that the Court of Appeals for the First Circuit has decided to uphold COFINA’s Plan of Adjustment once more. The Court’s consistent and consecutive opinions on the matter reaffirm the Corporation’s successful restructuring,” added Mr. Carlos M. Yamín, COFINA’s Executive Director.

For a copy of the Court’s opinion, please visit <https://law.justia.com/cases/federal/appellate-courts/ca1/19-1391/19-1391-2021-03-02.html>.

Forward-Looking Statements

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