

#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

Eastern District of California

Honorable Christopher M. Klein Bankruptcy Judge Sacramento, California

September 9, 2025 at 1:30 p.m.

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- 1. Review the <u>Pre-Hearing Dispositions</u> prior to appearing at the hearing.
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1. <u>25-21029</u>-C-13 COURTNEY WHITE MOTION TO CONFIRM PLAN MMMM-1 Mohammad M. Mokarram 7-29-25 [26]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the September 9, 2025 hearing is required.

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 35 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 42 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 31.

No opposition has been filed. Therefore, the court enters the defaults of the non-responding parties in interest, finds there are no disputed material factual issues, and determines the matter will be resolved without oral argument. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995); *Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006).

# The Motion to Confirm is granted.

The debtor filed this Motion seeking to confirm the Amended Chapter 13 Plan (Dkt. 29) filed on July 29, 2025.

No opposition to the Motion has been filed.

Upon review of the record, the court finds the plan complies with 11 U.S.C.  $\S\S$  1322 and 1325(a). The Motion is granted, and the plan is confirmed.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion to Confirm filed by the debtor, Courtney Ann White, having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,

IT IS ORDERED that the Motion is granted, the debtor's Amended Chapter 13 Plan (Dkt. 29) meets the requirements of 11 U.S.C. §§ 1322 and 1325(a), and the plan

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is confirmed. The Chapter 13 Trustee shall prepare an appropriate order confirming the Chapter 13 plan and submit the proposed order to the court.

2. <u>25-20682</u>-C-13 JOSE SALGADO KMG-4 Peter Macaluso MOTION BY LAURA E. FERRET, KAREN M. GOODMAN TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY 8-12-25 [84]

Final Ruling: No appearance at the September 9, 2025 hearing is required.

The Motion has been set on Local Rule 9014-1(f)(1) procedure which requires 28 days' notice. The Proof of Service shows that 28 days' notice was provided. Dkt. 81.

No opposition has been filed. Therefore, the court enters the defaults of the non-responding parties in interest, finds there are no disputed material factual issues, and determines the matter will be resolved without oral argument. *Cf. Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995); *Law Offices of David A. Boone v. Derham-Burk (In re Eliapo)*, 468 F.3d 592, 602 (9th Cir. 2006).

## The Motion to Withdraw as Attorney is granted.

Karen Goodman, of Goodman Law Corporation ("Movant"), counsel of record for Navolutions, Inc., Matthew White, and Christine White ("Creditors"), filed a Motion to Withdraw as Attorney as Creditors' counsel in the bankruptcy case. Movant states the following:

- A. The Motion is brought pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 2017-1(e) and California Rule of Professional Conduct 1.16;
- B. Creditors have terminated their representation with Movant; and
- C. Creditors have not provided Movant with the identity of new counsel for a substitution.

### APPLICABLE LAW

Mandatory withdrawal is necessary where:

- (a) Except as stated in paragraph (c), a lawyer shall not represent a client or, where representation has commenced, shall withdraw from the representation of a client if:
  - (4) the client discharges the lawyer.

Permissive withdrawal is limited to certain situations, including:

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(b) Except as stated in paragraph (c), a lawyer may withdraw from representing a client if:

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(4) by other conduct renders it unreasonably difficult for the member to carry out the employment effectively.

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#### DISCUSSION

The affidavit of Karen Goodmen (Dkt. 84) states that Creditors have terminated the representation of Movant. Additionally, Creditors have been informed of the motion and have been given a reasonable amount of time to identify new counsel and file a substitution of attorney, which they have not done. It is unreasonably difficult for the Movant to carry on with the representation when the attorney has been terminated and the Creditors have not responded to the Movant with the identity of new counsel.

The court shall issue a minute order substantially in the following form holding that:

Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law are stated in the Civil Minutes for the hearing.

The Motion to Withdraw as Attorney filed Karen Goodman of Goodman Law Corporation ("Movant") having been presented to the court, and upon review of the pleadings, evidence, arguments of counsel, and good cause appearing,