



**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
Eastern District of California**

Judge Fredrick E. Clement
Sacramento Federal Courthouse
501 I Street, 7th Floor
Courtroom 28, Department A
Sacramento, California

DAY: MONDAY
DATE: FEBRUARY 23, 2026
CALENDAR: 9:00 A.M. CHAPTER 9 AND 11 CASES

Unless otherwise ordered, all matters before Chief Judge Fredrick E. Clement shall be simultaneously: (1) **IN PERSON** at Sacramento Courtroom No. 28, (2) via **ZOOMGOV VIDEO**, (3) via **ZOOMGOV TELEPHONE**, and (4) via **COURTCALL**.

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All parties who wish to appear at a hearing remotely must sign up by 4:00 p.m. **one business** day prior to the hearing.

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Each party who has signed up will receive a Zoom link or phone number, meeting I.D., and password via e-mail.

If the deadline to sign up has passed, parties who wish to appear remotely must contact the Courtroom Deputy for the Department holding the hearing.

Please also note the following:

- Parties in interest may connect to the video or audio feed free of charge and should select which method they will use to appear when signing up.
- Members of the public and the press appearing by **ZoomGov** may only listen in to the hearing using the zoom telephone number. Video appearances are not permitted.
- Members of the public and the press may not listen in to the trials or evidentiary hearings, though they may appear in person in most instances.

To appear remotely for law and motion or status conference proceedings, you must comply with the following guidelines and procedures:

- Review the [Pre-Hearing Dispositions](#) prior to appearing at the hearing.
- Review the court's [Zoom Procedures and Guidelines](#) for these, and additional instructions.
- Parties appearing via CourtCall are encouraged to review the [CourtCall Appearance Information](#).

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PRE-HEARING DISPOSITION INSTRUCTIONS

RULINGS

Each matter on this calendar will have one of three possible designations: No Ruling, Tentative Ruling, or Final Ruling.

"No Ruling" means the likely disposition of the matter will not be disclosed in advance of the hearing. The matter will be called; parties wishing to be heard should rise and be heard.

"Tentative Ruling" means the likely disposition, and the reasons therefor, are set forth herein. The matter will be called. Aggrieved parties or parties for whom written opposition was not required should rise and be heard. Parties favored by the tentative ruling need not appear. However, non-appearing parties are advised that the court may adopt a ruling other than that set forth herein without further hearing or notice.

"Final Ruling" means that the matter will be resolved in the manner, and for the reasons, indicated below. The matter will not be called; parties and/or counsel need not appear and will not be heard on the matter.

CHANGES TO PREVIOUSLY PUBLISHED RULINGS

On occasion, the court will change its intended ruling on some of the matters to be called and will republish its rulings. The parties and counsel are advised to recheck the posted rulings after 3:00 p.m. on the next business day prior to the hearing. Any such changed ruling will be preceded by the following bold face text: **"[Since posting its original rulings, the court has changed its intended ruling on this matter]"**.

ERRORS IN RULINGS

Clerical errors of an insignificant nature, e.g., nomenclature ("2017 Honda Accord," rather than "2016 Honda Accord"), amounts, ("\$880," not "\$808"), may be corrected in (1) tentative rulings by appearance at the hearing; or (2) final rulings by appropriate ex parte application. Fed. R. Civ. P. 60(a) *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9024. All other errors, including those occasioned by mistake, inadvertence, surprise, or excusable neglect, must be corrected by noticed motion. Fed. R. Bankr. P. 60(b), *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9023.

1. [25-26906](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JOSEPH SMITH**

MOTION TO SELL FREE AND CLEAR OF LIENS
1-29-2026 [[43](#)]

JOSEPH SMITH/ATTY. FOR MV.

No Ruling

2. [25-26906](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JOSEPH SMITH**
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
12-9-2025 [[1](#)]

JOSEPH SMITH/ATTY. FOR MV.

No Ruling

3. [25-23919](#)-A-11 **IN RE: PATRICK/PATRICIA MCCAULEY**
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: AMENDED/MODIFIED VOLUNTARY
PETITION
9-15-2025 [[42](#)]

Final Ruling

The status conference continued to March 10, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
before the Honorable Christopher D. Jaime. A civil minute order
shall issue.

4. [25-24136](#)-A-11 **IN RE: GREATER LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH OF**
SACRAMENTO
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
8-6-2025 [[1](#)]

MICHAEL BERGER/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The status conference continued to March 9, 2026, at 11:00 a.m.
before the Honorable Christopher M. Klein. A civil minute order
shall issue.

5. [25-27352](#)-A-11 **IN RE: EDWARD L. AUEN, PH.D., M.D., INC.**
[CAE-1](#)

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
12-30-2025 [[1](#)]

DAVID JOHNSTON/ATTY. FOR DBT.
DEBTOR DISMISSED: 01/21/26

Final Ruling

This case was dismissed on January 21, 2026. The Status Conference is concluded.

6. [25-26371](#)-A-11 **IN RE: SCRIPPS TWO, LLC**
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION
11-12-2025 [[1](#)]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The status conference is continued to March 17, 2026, at 9:30 a.m. to coincide the motion to approve the disclosure statement, before the Honorable Rene Lastreto, II.

7. [25-26371](#)-A-11 **IN RE: SCRIPPS TWO, LLC**
[ROC-1](#)

MOTION FOR EXAMINATION AND FOR PRODUCTION OF DOCUMENTS
1-28-2026 [[52](#)]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.
SHARON WEISS/ATTY. FOR MV.

No Ruling

8. [25-22194](#)-A-11 **IN RE: JJ PFISTER DISTILLING COMPANY, LLC**
[RLC-22](#)

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR STEPHEN M. REYNOLDS, DEBTORS
ATTORNEY(S)
1-21-2026 [\[165\]](#)

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

Application: Allowance of First and Final Compensation and Expense Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(1); written opposition required

Disposition: Approved

Order: Civil minute order

Unopposed motions are subject to the rules of default. Fed. R. Civ. P. 55, *incorporated by* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7055, 9014(c). Written opposition to this application was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on the application. LBR 9014-1(f)(1)(B). None has been filed. The default of the responding party is entered. The court considers the record, accepting well-pleaded facts as true. *TeleVideo Sys., Inc. v. Heidenthal*, 826 F.2d 915, 917-18 (9th Cir. 1987).

COMPENSATION AND EXPENSES

In this Chapter 11 case, Stephen M. Reynolds, counsel for the debtor in possession, has applied for an allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The applicant requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$57,060.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$2,054.17.

Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by counsel for the debtor in possession in a Chapter 11 case and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. See *id.* § 330(a)(3).

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on a final basis.

CIVIL MINUTE ORDER

The court shall issue a civil minute order that conforms substantially to the following form:

Findings of fact and conclusions of law are stated in the civil minutes for the hearing.

Stephen M. Reynolds's application for allowance of final compensation and reimbursement of expenses has been presented to the court. Having entered the default of respondent for failure to

appear, timely oppose, or otherwise defend in the matter, and having considered the well-pleaded facts of the application,

IT IS ORDERED that the application is approved on a final basis. The court allows final compensation in the amount of \$57,060.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$2,054.17. The applicant is authorized to draw on any retainer held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the debtor in possession is authorized to pay the fees allowed by this order from available funds only if the estate is administratively solvent and such payment will be consistent with the priorities of the Bankruptcy Code.