

# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT Eastern District of California

#### Chief Judge Fredrick E. Clement

Sacramento Federal Courthouse 501 I Street, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom 28, Department A Sacramento, California

DAY: MONDAY

DATE: AUGUST 12, 2024

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 <u>Pre-Hearing Dispositions</u> prior to appearing at the hearing.
- Review the court's <u>Zoom Procedures and Guidelines</u> 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.  $\frac{23-22125}{CAE-1}$ -A-11 IN RE: ESCALON LIVESTOCK MARKET, INC.

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION 6-28-2023 [1]

DAVID JOHNSTON/ATTY. FOR DBT.

#### No Ruling

2.  $\frac{20-23726}{AFS-2}$ -A-11 IN RE: AME ZION WESTERN EPISCOPAL DISTRICT

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION BY THE LAW OFFICE OF ARENTFOX SCHIFF LLP FOR ARAM ORDUBEGIAN, SPECIAL COUNSEL(S) 7-15-2024 [925]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT. ARAM ORDUBEGIAN/ATTY. FOR MV.

## Final Ruling

The Certificate of Service, ECF No. 929, has not been signed. The application is denied without prejudice. A civil minute order shall issue.

3.  $\underbrace{23-24467}_{\text{SACRAMENTO}}$  IN RE: GREATER LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH OF CAE-1

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION 12-13-2023 [ $\underline{1}$ ]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

## No Ruling

Since posting its original rulings, the court has changed its intended ruling on this matter.

4.  $\frac{21-22404}{DL-16}$ -A-11 IN RE: PAR 5 PROPERTY INVESTMENTS, LLC

MOTION TO COMPROMISE CONTROVERSY/APPROVE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT WITH COLDERBANK LAW, INC. AND TANIA H. COLDERBANK 6-19-2024 [402]

WALTER DAHL/ATTY. FOR MV.

#### Final Ruling

Motion: Approve Compromise of Controversy

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

**Disposition:** Granted

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 motion was required not less than 14 days before the hearing on this motion. 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).

## APPROVAL OF COMPROMISE

Subchapter V trustee Walter Dahl prays approval of a comprise in the amount of \$1,250 with Colderbank Law, Inc. Trustee Dahl is the duly authorized representative of the post-confirmation debtor. Plan §§ 5.03, 7.01, ECF No. 302.

In determining whether to approve a compromise under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 9019, the court determines whether the compromise was negotiated in good faith and whether the party proposing the compromise reasonably believes that the compromise is the best that can be negotiated under the facts. In re A & CProps., 784 F.2d 1377, 1381 (9th Cir. 1986). More than mere good faith negotiation of a compromise is required. The court must also find that the compromise is fair and equitable. Id. "Fair and equitable" involves a consideration of four factors: (i) the probability of success in the litigation; (ii) the difficulties to be encountered in collection; (iii) the complexity of the litigation, and expense, delay and inconvenience necessarily attendant to litigation; and (iv) the paramount interest of creditors and a proper deference to the creditors' expressed wishes, if any. Id. The party proposing the compromise bears the burden of persuading the court that the compromise is fair and equitable and should be approved. Id.

The movant requests approval of a compromise. The compromise is reflected in the settlement agreement attached to the motion as an exhibit. Based on the motion and supporting papers, the court finds

that the compromise presented for the court's approval is fair and equitable considering the relevant A & C Properties factors. The compromise or settlement will be approved.

#### 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.

Walter Dahl's motion to approve a compromise with Colderbank Law, Inc. 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 motion,

IT IS ORDERED that the motion is granted. The court hereby approves the compromise that is reflected in the settlement agreement attached to the motion as exhibit and filed at docket no. 405.