



**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 18, 2025**  
**CALENDAR: 9:00 A.M. CHAPTER 9 AND 11 CASES**

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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**.

You may choose any of these options unless otherwise ordered or stated below.

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

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### 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.

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1. [25-00201](#)-A-0     **IN RE: Robert W. Johnson**  
[FEC-1](#)

ORDER TO APPEAR RE: ORDER OPENING MISCELLANEOUS FILE  
7-21-2025    [[1](#)]

**Final Ruling**

The involuntary petition has been dismissed. No appearance is necessary.

2. [25-00202](#)-A-0     **IN RE: Robert W. Johnson**  
[FEC-1](#)

ORDER TO APPEAR RE: ORDER OPENING MISCELLANEOUS FILE  
7-21-2025    [[1](#)]

**Final Ruling**

The involuntary petition has been dismissed. No appearance is necessary.

3. [25-00203](#)-A-0     **IN RE: Robert W. Johnson**  
[FEC-1](#)

ORDER TO APPEAR RE: ORDER OPENING MISCELLANEOUS FILE  
7-30-2025    [[1](#)]

**Final Ruling**

The involuntary petition has been dismissed. No appearance is necessary.

4. [25-23639](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MATTHEW CRON**  
[CAE-1](#)

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION  
7-17-2025    [[1](#)]

JUDSON HENRY/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**No Ruling**

5. [25-23639](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MATTHEW CRON**  
[JHH-1](#)

MOTION TO EMPLOY JUDSON H. HENRY AS ATTORNEY(S)  
8-4-2025    [[11](#)]

JUDSON HENRY/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**No Ruling**

6. [24-22456](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MINI MANIA INC.**  
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION  
6-4-2024    [[1](#)]

STEVEN FOX/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**No Ruling**

7. [24-22456](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MINI MANIA INC.**  
[SRF-10](#)

MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF CT CORP., MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF  
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF CT CORP.  
SYS, MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF CSC , MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF  
CT CORP. SYS, MOTION TO AVOID LIEN OF ARENA FUNDING SOURCE,  
LLC, ET AL.  
7-28-2025    [[290](#)]

STEVEN FOX/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

**No Ruling**

8. [24-22456](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MINI MANIA INC.**  
[SRF-8](#)

MOTION TO CONFIRM CHAPTER 11 PLAN  
7-14-2025    [[271](#)]

STEVEN FOX/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
RESPONSIVE PLEADING

**No Ruling**

9. [24-22456](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MINI MANIA INC.**  
[SRF-9](#)

MOTION TO PERMIT DONALD RACINE'S AND RACINE PROPERTIES'  
LATER ACCEPTING BALLOTS TO BE COUNTED IN LIEU OF PRIOR  
REJECTING BALLOTS  
7-14-2025    [\[278\]](#)

STEVEN FOX/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**No Ruling**

10. [24-20882](#)-A-11     **IN RE: RJQ COMPANIES, INC.**

CONTINUED CONFIRMATION OF PLAN  
2-11-2025    [\[146\]](#)

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**Final Ruling**

The debtor in possession concedes that the plan cannot be confirmed.  
Status Report, ECF No. 179. As a consequence, confirmation is  
denied, and a civil minute order shall issue.

11. [24-20882](#)-A-11     **IN RE: RJQ COMPANIES, INC.**  
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION  
3-5-2024    [\[1\]](#)

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**No Ruling**

12. [25-20487](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MJD ENGINEERING INC.**  
[CAE-1](#)

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: AMENDED VOLUNTARY PETITION  
3-20-2025    [\[47\]](#)

MICHAEL BERGER/ATTY. FOR DBT.

**No Ruling**

13. [25-20487](#)-A-11     **IN RE: MJD ENGINEERING INC.**  
[MJB-4](#)

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR MICHAEL JAY BERGER, DEBTORS  
ATTORNEY(S)  
7-22-2025    [\[95\]](#)

MICHAEL BERGER/ATTY. FOR DBT.

### **Final Ruling**

**Application:** Allowance of First Interim 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, Law Office of Michael Jay Berger, counsel for the debtor in possession, has applied for an allowance of interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses. The application requests that the court allow compensation in the amount of \$26,948.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$591.37.

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 an interim basis. Such amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for compensation and expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

### **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.

The Law Offices of Michael Jay Berger's application for allowance of interim 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 an interim basis. The court allows interim compensation in the amount of \$26,948.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$591.37. The applicant is authorized to draw on any retainer held.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the fees and costs are allowed pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 331 as interim fees and costs, subject to final review and allowance pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330. Such allowed amounts shall be perfected, and may be adjusted, by a final application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses, which shall be filed prior to case closure.

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.

14. [25-21691](#)-A-11      **IN RE: REGINALD HUTCHERSON**

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - FAILURE TO PAY FEES  
7-14-2025    [\[92\]](#)

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT.  
7/14/2025 INSTALLMENT FEE PAID \$434

#### **Final Ruling**

As the installment fee has been paid, the order to show cause is discharged. The case will remain pending.

15. [25-24136](#)-A-11      **IN RE: GREATER LIGHT BAPTIST CHURCH OF  
SACRAMENTO  
[MJB-1](#)**

MOTION TO USE CASH COLLATERAL O.S.T.  
8-13-2025    [\[12\]](#)

MICHAEL BERGER/ATTY. FOR DBT.

#### **No Ruling**