# UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Honorable Fredrick E. Clement Fresno Federal Courthouse 2500 Tulare Street, 5<sup>th</sup> Floor Courtroom 11, Department A Fresno, California

#### PRE-HEARING DISPOSITIONS

DAY: WEDNESDAY

DATE: AUGUST 30, 2017

CALENDAR: 1:30 P.M. CHAPTER 11 AND 9 CASES

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

**No Ruling:** All parties will need to appear at the hearing unless otherwise ordered.

Tentative Ruling: If a matter has been designated as a tentative ruling it will be called. The court may continue the hearing on the matter, set a briefing schedule or enter other orders appropriate for efficient and proper resolution of the matter. The original moving or objecting party shall give notice of the continued hearing date and the deadlines. The minutes of the hearing will be the court's findings and conclusions.

Final Ruling: Unless otherwise ordered, there will be no hearing on these matters. The final disposition of the matter is set forth in the ruling and it will appear in the minutes. The final ruling may or may not finally adjudicate the matter. If it is finally adjudicated, the minutes constitute the court's findings and conclusions. If the parties stipulate to continue the hearing on the matter or agree to resolve the matter in a way inconsistent with the final ruling, then the court will consider vacating the final ruling only if the moving party notifies chambers before 4:00 pm at least one business day before the hearing date: Department A-Kathy Torres (559) 499-5860; Department B-Jennifer Dauer (559)499-5870. If a party has grounds to contest a final ruling because of the court's error under FRCP 60 (a) (FRBP 9024) ["a clerical mistake (by the court) or a mistake arising from (the court's) oversight or omission"] the party shall notify chambers (contact information above) and any other party affected by the final ruling by 4:00 pm one business day before the hearing.

**Orders:** Unless the court specifies in the tentative or final ruling that it will issue an order, the prevailing party shall lodge an order within 14 days of the final hearing on the matter.

1. <u>10-12709</u>-A-11 ENNIS COMMERCIAL JTW-7 PROPERTIES, LLC JANZEN, TAMBERI & WONG/MV MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR JANZEN, TABERI & WONG, ACCOUNTANT(S) 7-28-17 [1815]

PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.

# Final Ruling

Application: Approval of Interim Compensation and Expense

Reimbursement under Confirmed Plan in Chapter 11

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, applicant Janzen, Tamberi & Wong requests that the court approve interim compensation in the amount of \$31,261.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$53.82.

Here, a plan has been confirmed. Once a plan has been confirmed, its provisions bind the debtor, creditors, equity security holders, and other parties in interest. 11 U.S.C. § 1141(a). An exception to this rule is made for the discharge provisions of § 1141(d)(2) and (3). *Id.* The plan's terms governing compensation of professionals, therefore, govern the court's decision on this matter. And the content of such provisions "is primarily up to the genius of the drafter." *In re Associated Vintage Grp., Inc.*, 283 B.R. 549, 560 (B.A.P. 9th Cir. 2002).

The confirmed plan in this case states that compensation for retained professionals may be subject to bankruptcy court approval. Though court approval for such payment is not required, the plan administrator may seek approval for fees. Order Confirming Plan  $\S$  V(N), filed June 25, 2014, ECF #961.

Section 330 of the Code contains specific standards for determining the reasonableness of compensation. Section 330(a) of the Bankruptcy Code authorizes "reasonable compensation for actual, necessary services" rendered by a trustee, examiner or professional person employed under § 327 or § 1103 and "reimbursement for actual, necessary expenses." 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering the relevant factors. See id. § 330(a)(3). Although this standard is more exacting than the standard applicable in this case, the court may apply all or some of the elements of this standard as a guide to the extent appropriate.

The court finds that the compensation and expenses sought are reasonable, and the court will approve the application on an interim

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.

Janzen, Tamberi & Wong's application for approval 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 approves interim compensation in the amount of \$31,261.50 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$53.82. The applicant is authorized to draw on any retainer held.

2. <u>16-10015</u>-A-9 SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: DISTRICT

CHAPTER 9 VOLUNTARY PETITION 1-4-16 [1]

ASHLEY MCDOW/Atty. for dbt.

No Ruling

3. 16-10015-A-9 SOUTHERN INYO HEALTHCARE AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT BH-19 DISTRICT ASHLEY MCDOW/Atty. for dbt.

7-20-17 [302]

No Ruling

4. PSZ-2 KAVITA GUPTA/MV CECILY DUMAS/Atty. for dbt. WITHDRAWN

17-11824-A-7 HORISONS UNLIMITED MOTION TO EMPLOY WAYNE C. ALLEN AS CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICER 8-2-17 [122]

# Final Ruling

The motion withdrawn, the matter is dropped as moot.

5. <u>11-17165</u>-A-11 OAKHURST LODGE, INC., A CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: CALIFORNIA CORPORATION CHAPTER 11 VOLUNTARY PETITION

DONNA STANDARD/Atty. for dbt.

6-22-11 [<u>1</u>]

# No Ruling

11-17165-A-11 OAKHURST LODGE, INC., A CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: 15-1017 CALIFORNIA CORPORATION AMENDED COMPLAINT 6. OAKHURST LODGE, INC. V. FIRST-CITIZENS BANK & TRUST DONNA STANDARD/Atty. for pl. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

4-6-16 [151]

# No Ruling

 $\frac{15-10366}{\text{FW}-29}$  -A-11 ELLIOTT MANUFACTURING OMNIBUS OBJECTION TO CLAIMS 7-14-17 [375] 7. ELLIOTT MANUFACTURING COMPANY, INC./MV PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

#### No Ruling

16-13271-A-11 BLAIR GLADWIN AND TONETTA CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: 8. SIMONE GLADWIN

CHAPTER 11 VOLUNTARY PETITION 9-6-16 [1]

PETER FEAR/Atty. for dbt.

# No Ruling

17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. 9. BRA-1 TARGA LIQUIDS MARKETING AND TRADE, LLC/MV RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. DAVID RILEY/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

MOTION FOR ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES 8-2-17 [167]

#### No Ruling

17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. CONTINUED MOTION TO EMPLOY 10. WW-2 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC./MV RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

RILEY C. WALTER AS ATTORNEY(S) 6-28-17 [<u>33</u>]

## No Ruling

11. 17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. CONTINUED MOTION TO APPOINT CLF-1 DONALD ROSE/MV

TRUSTEE AND/OR MOTION TO CONVERT CASE FROM CHAPTER 11 TO CHAPTER 7 7-19-17 [<u>108</u>]

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. VONN CHRISTENSON/Atty. for mv. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

# No Ruling

17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. 12. UST-1 TRACY DAVIS/MV

CONTINUED MOTION TO APPOINT TRUSTEE AND/OR MOTION TO CONVERT CASE FROM CHAPTER 11 TO CHAPTER 7 8-2-17 [163]

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. ROBIN TUBESING/Atty. for mv.

# No Ruling

13. 17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. CONTINUED MOTION TO EMPLOY DON ROSE OIL CO., INC./MV

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

#### No Ruling

14. 17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. CONTINUED MOTION TO APPROVE WW-6 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC./MV

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt. RESPONSIVE PLEADING

No Ruling

BROWN ARMSTRONG AS ACCOUNTANT (S) 7-12-17 [86]

STIPULATION FOR RELIEF FROM THE AUTOMATIC STAY 7-24-17 [<u>114</u>]

15. 17-12389-A-11 DON ROSE OIL CO., INC. CONTINUED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT DON ROSE OIL CO., INC./MV FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION AND

RILEY WALTER/Atty. for dbt.

No Ruling

CONTINUED MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF STIPULATION AND AGREEMENT FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION AND MODIFICATION OF THE AUTOMATIC STAY 8-7-17 [179]