

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: DECEMBER 15, 2025

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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- 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.
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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. $\frac{25-23919}{CAE-1}$ -A-11 IN RE: PATRICK/PATRICIA MCCAULEY

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: AMENDED VOLUNTARY PETITION 9-15-2025 $\left[\frac{42}{3}\right]$

No Ruling

2. $\frac{25-25860}{CAE-1}$ -A-11 IN RE: HILLSIDE APARTMENTS LLC

STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION 10-23-2025 [1]

HILLSIDE APARTMENTS LLC/ATTY. FOR MV. DEBTOR DISMISSED: 11/24/25

Final Ruling

This case was dismissed on November 24, 2025. The Status Conference is concluded.

3. $\underbrace{25-25860}_{\text{UST-1}}$ -A-11 IN RE: HILLSIDE APARTMENTS LLC

MOTION TO CONVERT CASE FROM CHAPTER 11 TO CHAPTER 7, MOTION TO DISMISS CASE $11-20-2025 \quad [26]$

JASON BLUMBERG/ATTY. FOR MV. DEBTOR DISMISSED: 11/24/25

Final Ruling

This case was dismissed on November 24, 2025. Accordingly, the motion will be removed from the calendar as moot. No appearances are required.

4. $\underline{25-26371}$ -A-11 IN RE: SCRIPPS TWO, LLC $\underline{\text{GEL}-1}$

FINAL HEARING RE: MOTION TO USE CASH COLLATERAL , MOTION FOR ADEQUATE PROTECTION , MOTION FOR SCHEDULING DEADLINES RELATING TO A FINAL HEARING ON USE OF CASH COLLATERAL $11-17-2025 \ \ [6]$

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

5. 24-20882-A-11 IN RE: RJQ COMPANIES, INC.

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CONFIRMATION OF AMENDED PLAN 10-21-2025 [191]
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STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The debtor has signaled that plan confirmation is not possible. Status Report 2:1-7, ECF No. 205. As a result, confirmation is denied. A civil minute order shall issue.

6. $\frac{24-20882}{CAE-1}$ IN RE: RJQ COMPANIES, INC.

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CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION 3-5-2024 [1]
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STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

No Ruling

7. $\frac{24-20882}{RLC-12}$ -A-11 IN RE: RJQ COMPANIES, INC.

MOTION FOR COMPENSATION FOR STEPHEN M REYNOLDS, DEBTORS ATTORNEY(S) 11-20-2025 [200]

STEPHEN REYNOLDS/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Tentative Ruling

Application: Allowance of First and Final Compensation and Expense

Reimbursement

Notice: LBR 9014-1(f)(2); no 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). 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 Reynolds and Reynolds Law Corporation, 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 \$43,560.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1,288.33.

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. \S 330(a)(1). Reasonable compensation is determined by considering all relevant factors. See id. \S 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 Reynolds and Reynolds Law Corporation'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 \$43,560.00 and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$1,288.33. 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.

8. $\frac{25-20487}{\text{MJB}-6}$ -A-11 IN RE: MJD ENGINEERING INC.

MOTION BY MICHAEL JAY BERGER TO WITHDRAW AS ATTORNEY 11-17-2025 [127]

MICHAEL BERGER/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

This case was dismissed on December 1, 2025. Accordingly, the motion will be removed from the calendar as moot. No appearances are required.

9. $\frac{25-21691}{CAE-1}$ -A-11 IN RE: REGINALD HUTCHERSON

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION 4-9-2025 [1]

PETER MACALUSO/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The status conference is continued to February 2, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. The court notes that the October Monthly Operating Report has not been filed. Not later than December 31, 2025, the debtor shall file the October 2025 Monthly Operating Report and shall file all future Monthly Operating Reports in a timely manner. Failure to do so may result in dismissal or conversion of the case without further notice or hearing. A civil minute order shall issue.

10. $\frac{23-23996}{CAE-1}$ -A-11 IN RE: 9250 BIG HORN HOLDINGS, INC.

CONTINUED STATUS CONFERENCE RE: VOLUNTARY PETITION 11-7-2023 [1]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT.

Final Ruling

The status conference is continued to January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Not later than January 6, 2026, trustee Dahl shall, and other parties may, file a status report.

Not later than December 1, 2025, the trustee was ordered to file a status report in anticipation of this status conference and three motions have been noticed for hearing on this date. Order, ECF No. 300. He has not done so. At the same time, the trustee has three different motions, which move the case in different and, apparently, mutually exclusive directions set for hearing on this date. Compare Mot. Approve Disclosure Statement, ECF No. 294, with Mot. Convert, ECF No. 283, and with Mot. to Abandon, ECF No. 279. Each is opposed, by at least two, and in some cases three, parties. From this, the court infers negotiation between the parties and without some indicating from the trustee as to which of the motions are going forward, the court is unable to prepare for these hearings.

A civil minute order shall issue.

11. $\frac{23-23996}{DL-5}$ -A-11 IN RE: 9250 BIG HORN HOLDINGS, INC.

MOTION TO ABANDON 11-10-2025 [279]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT. WALTER DAHL/ATTY. FOR MV.

Final Ruling

The motion is continued to January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Absent leave of court, no additional filings are authorized or will be considered. A civil minute order shall issue.

12. $\frac{23-23996}{DL-6}$ -A-11 IN RE: 9250 BIG HORN HOLDINGS, INC.

MOTION TO CONVERT CASE FROM CHAPTER 11 TO CHAPTER 7 11-10-2025 [283]

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT. WALTER DAHL/ATTY. FOR MV.

Final Ruling

The motion is continued to January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Absent leave of court, no additional filings are authorized or will be considered. A civil minute order shall issue.

13. $\frac{23-23996}{DL-7}$ -A-11 IN RE: 9250 BIG HORN HOLDINGS, INC.

MOTION FOR APPROVAL OF AMENDED DISCLOSURE STATEMENT FILED BY TRUSTEE WALTER R. DAHL $11-17-2025 \quad [294]$

GABRIEL LIBERMAN/ATTY. FOR DBT. WALTER DAHL/ATTY. FOR MV.

Final Ruling

The motion is continued to January 20, 2026, at 9:00 a.m. Absent leave of court, no additional filings are authorized or will be considered. A civil minute order shall issue.