

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA  
ATLANTA DIVISION

IN RE: ) CHAPTER [X]  
)  
[DEBTOR NAME(S)], ) CASE NO. [XX-XXXXX] – LRC  
)  
[Debtor/Debtors]. )

**ORDER APPROVING SPECIAL COUNSEL, SUBJECT TO OBJECTION**

On [date], [Debtor/Debtors] filed an application (the “Application”) to employ [Professional’s name] (“Special Counsel”) to represent [Debtor/Debtors] in connection with [type of claim/cause of action] (the “Matters”). See Doc. No. [docket no]. No notice or hearing on the Application is necessary.

The Application and accompanying affidavit demonstrate that Special Counsel is a firm of attorneys with expertise in the Matters, that they represent no interest adverse to [Debtor/Debtors] or the estate in the Matters, and that this case justifies employment of a professional for the purpose specified.

Special Counsel is advised, however, that contingency fee agreements are subject to scrutiny by the Court. Upon application for compensation, the Court may reduce the amount of compensation under a contingency fee agreement if such amount is unreasonable. *Blanchard v. Bergeron*, 489 U.S. 87 (1989). To facilitate review of an application for compensation, it should include either itemized time entries or a narrative description of the services provided.

Further, Special Counsel is reminded that any settlement of claims relating to the Matters is subject to approval of this Court after notice to creditors and an opportunity to be heard. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 9019, 2002(a). Therefore, neither [Debtor/Debtors], nor bankruptcy counsel for the [Debtor/Debtors] is authorized to settle, compromise, or release any claims without the approval of this Court.

Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 327(e) and Bankruptcy Rule 2014, the Application is **GRANTED**. [Debtor/Debtors] [is/are] authorized to employ Special Counsel during [Debtor's/Debtors'] Chapter [X] case, subject to objection filed by the U. S. Trustee, the Chapter [X] Trustee, or any other party in interest on or before 21 days from the date of entry of this Order. It is further

ORDERED that compensation shall be paid to Special Counsel upon notice, hearing, and approval by the Court pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 330 and 331 and Bankruptcy Rule 2016 of an appropriately detailed application, copies of which shall be served on the Chapter [X] Trustee and United States Trustee.

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