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#### UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA \_\_\_\_\_DIVISION www.flmb.uscourts.gov

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In re

Debtor\*.

Case No. \_:\_\_-bk-\_\_\_-Chapter 11

### APPLICATION TO EMPLOY PROFESSIONAL

#### NOTICE OF OPPORTUNITY TO OBJECT AND REQUEST FOR HEARING

If you object to the relief requested in this paper you must file a response with the Clerk of Court at (address) [and, if the moving party is not represented by an attorney, mail a copy to the moving party at (address)] within 14 days from the date of the attached proof of service, plus an additional three days if this paper was served on any party by U.S. Mail.

If you file and serve a response within the time permitted, the Court will either notify you of a hearing date or the Court will consider the response and grant or deny the relief requested in this paper without a hearing. If you do not file a response within the time permitted, the Court will consider that you do not oppose the relief requested in the paper, and the Court may grant or deny the relief requested without further notice or hearing.

You should read these papers carefully and discuss them with your attorney if you have one. If the paper is an objection to your claim in this bankruptcy case, your claim may be reduced, modified, or eliminated if you do not timely file and serve a response.

Movant, [insert name of Movant who seeks to employ professional] ("Movant") requests

entry of an order authorizing the employment of [insert name of professional]("Professional") and

states as follows:

- 1. Debtor filed this Chapter 11 bankruptcy case on [insert petition date].
- 2. Movant seeks to employ Professional in this case because [state specific facts

demonstrating the necessity for employing the Professional].

<sup>\*</sup> All references to "Debtor" include and refer to both debtors in a case filed jointly by two individuals.

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 Movant has selected Professional because [describe the reasons for selecting the Professional].

4. Professional will render the following services: [list or describe the services the Professional will perform].

5. For providing the aforementioned services, Professional has agreed to be compensated as follows: [describe compensation arrangement with Professional such as their hourly rate, flat rate, contingency rate, or any other proposed compensation].

6. Attached as Exhibit A is the Professional's verified statement that states the Professional's connections with the debtor, creditors, any other interested party, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee.

7. To the best of Movant's knowledge, the Professional has no connection with the debtor, creditors, any other interested party, their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States Trustee or any person employed in the Office of the United States Trustee except as disclosed in the Professional's declaration.

WHEREFORE, Movant respectfully requests that the Court enter an order authorizing the employment of the Professional and for such further relief as the Court deems appropriate.

Dated: [insert date].

/s/ Signature Attorney Name Attorney Bar No. Attorney E-Mail

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Attorney Address Attorney Phone Number Attorney for [insert name of client]

### **PROOF OF SERVICE**

A true and correct copy of the foregoing has been sent by either electronic transmission or U.S. Mail on\_\_\_\_\_\_ to:

/s/ Signature Attorney Name Attorney Bar No. Attorney E-Mail Attorney Address Attorney Phone Number Attorney for [insert name of client]