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Central District of California
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Wednesday, June 11, 2025

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Tentative Ruling:

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2:25-12899 Lisett Caridad Gonzalez

Chapter 7

#100.00 Motion For Sanctions/Disgorgement Against Debtor's Attorney

Docket 54

Tentative Ruling:

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Deny request for sanctions. The facts of this case do not establish that debtor's counsel has failed to meet and confer or that he has engaged in any other sanctionable conduct. The exhibits provided by the parties support the conclusion that Mr. Gonzalez attempted to meet and confer prior to moving for a protective order, and did comply with the request that he specify what relief he planned to seek by way of a protective order, and that it was not through the fault of Mr. Gonzalez that the parties did not meet and confer. A significant factor that led to movant's failure to comply with the debtor's request that the parties meet and confer appears to be movant's insistence that the debtor's choice of co-counsel be excluded from the discussions. As this court has previously explained and ordered, it is not for movant to decide for itself whether Mr. Gonzalez may serve as co-counsel for the debtor (and he does not need to obtain an order authorizing his employment as counsel for a chapter 7 debtor -- chapter 7 attorneys do not represent and are not compensated from the estate). Unless and until someone moves to disqualify Mr. Gonzalez -- and that motion is granted -- Mr. Medvei is required to respect the debtor's choice of counsel. Moreover, as the Court has previously observed in note 1 on page 2 of its May 13, 2025 order [Docket No. 48], Mr. Medvei seems to have things exactly backwards. If Mr. Gonzalez had previously represented the debtor and then went on to serve as trustee, there would be a problem. Trustee assignments are made automatically. Here, Mr. Gonzalez noted that he had been appointed trustee in a case in which he would not be disinterested and promptly resigned as trustee so that a disinterested person could be appointed trustee in this case. He handled this appropriately and nothing about these facts or circumstances suggests that there is any problem with his thereafter serving as debtor's counsel, but, even if there were a problem with this, the appropriate remedy is not for another

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party in interest to refuse to treat him as debtor's co-counsel. The appropriate remedy is to ask the Court to disqualify him. That has not happened and it seems highly unlikely that such a motion, if filed, would be granted.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Lisett Caridad Gonzalez

Represented By
Jisoo Hwang
Rosendo Gonzalez

Movant(s):

Immigrant Rights Defense Council,

Represented By
Sebastian M Medvei

Trustee(s):

Brad D Krasnoff (TR)

Pro Se

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Chapter 11

#101.00 Motion For Entry Of An Order Dismissing Debtor's Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Case

fr. 1-15-25; 1-29-25; 3-12-25; 4-16-25

Docket 92

***** VACATED *** REASON: 5/21/25 - VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF
MOTION FILED**

Tentative Ruling:

1/15/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to March 12, 2025
at 11:30 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29, 2025.

2/25/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to April 16, 2025
at 10 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR MARCH 12, 2025.

4/01/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to June 11, 2025
at 10 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR APRIL 16, 2025.

Motion has been withdrawn by movant. Off calendar. No appearance necessary.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Unrivaed Brands, Inc.

Represented By
John-Patrick M Fritz
Robert Carrasco

Movant(s):

People's California, LLC

Represented By
Robert P Goe

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#102.00 Debtors Motion To Abandon Shares Of Mystic Holdings, Inc.

fr: 1-15-25; 1-29-25; 3-12-25; 4-16-25

Docket 56

Tentative Ruling:

1/15/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to March 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29, 2025.

2/25/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to April 16, 2025 at 10 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR MARCH 12, 2025.

4/01/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to June 11, 2025 at 10 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR APRIL 16, 2025.

Tentative Ruling for June 11, 2025:

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Deny motion to abandon. Court agrees that the shares to be abandoned are not burdensome or of inconsequential value to the estate. According to schedule B, they have a value of more than \$833,000. If they are abandoned, the value of these shares will not be available to creditors through the estate.

If the debtors' ownership of these shares means that they are not eligible to be a debtor in bankruptcy or that they would be unable to confirm a plan of reorganization (the Court does not currently have an opinion as to whether or not these propositions accurately reflect the current state of the law), the Court should resolve such issues in the context of a motion to dismiss or an objection to confirmation. But abandonment does not appear to be the appropriate fix to address these issues in light of the value of the assets in question.

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Unrivaled Brands, Inc.

Represented By
John-Patrick M Fritz
Robert Carrasco

Movant(s):

Unrivaled Brands, Inc.

Represented By
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Robert Carrasco
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#103.00 Application Of Chapter 11 Debtors to Employ Buchalter, APC As Special Litigation Counsel Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. § 327(E) with Compensation Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, Effective as of The Petition Date

fr. 1-15-25; 1-29-25; 3-12-25

Docket 57

Tentative Ruling:

1/15/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to March 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR JANUARY 29, 2025.

2/25/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to April 16, 2025 at 10 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR MARCH 12, 2025.

4/01/2025 --- Court approved stipulation continuing hearing to June 11, 2025 at 10 a.m. OFF CALENDAR FOR APRIL 16, 2025.

Tentative Ruling for June 11, 2025:

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Grant motion. Approve proposed employment.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Unrivald Brands, Inc.

Represented By
John-Patrick M Fritz
Robert Carrasco

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#104.00 Scheduling and Case Management Conference in a Chapter 11 Case

fr: 12-18-24; 3-12-25; 3-26-25; 4-30-25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Set bar date and deadline for debtor to serve notice of bar date. Continue case status conference approximately 90 days.

12/23/24 -- Court signed scheduling order with following dates:
Status conference continued to March 12, 2025 at 11:30 a.m.
L/D for debtor to file updated status report -- February 28, 2025
L/D for debtor to serve notice of bar date -- December 20, 2024
General bar date -- February 18, 2025
Government claims bar date -- May 5, 2025

2/25/25 -- Court approved stipulation extending bar date for People's CA and its assigns only to April 25, 2025.

Tentative Ruling for March 12, 2025:

Continue case status conference to March 26, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. to be held concurrently with motion to extend exclusivity. (No new status report is required for this conference.) APPEARANCES WAIVED ON MARCH 12, 2025.

Tentative Ruling for March 26, 2025:

What is the status of the debtor's efforts to document the parties' global settlement? Has a 9019 motion been filed? Hearing required.

Tentative Ruling for April 30, 2025:

Court waived the requirement of a status report for this status conference.

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Assuming court approves compromise on calendar as matter no. 103, what will the future of this chapter 11 case look like? Hearing required.

6/3/2025 -- Court approved second order appointing Judge Kwan as mediator.

Tentative Ruling for June 11, 2025:

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Revisit status of case after conclusion of related matters on calendar.
(Motion to extend exclusivity is currently set for hearing on June 25, 2025 at 10:00 a.m.)

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Unrivald Brands, Inc.

Represented By
John-Patrick M Fritz
Robert Carrasco

Movant(s):

Unrivald Brands, Inc.

Represented By
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John-Patrick M Fritz
Robert Carrasco
Robert Carrasco

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2:24-16340 BA Telecom, Inc.

Chapter 7

#200.00 Trustee's Final Report and Applications for Compensation

Docket 28

***** VACATED *** REASON: APPROVED. APPEARANCES WAIVED.**

Tentative Ruling:

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Approve trustee's final report in full. APPEARANCES WAIVED. TRUSTEE IS AUTHORIZED TO UPLOAD ORDER CONSISTENT WITH TENTATIVE.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

BA Telecom, Inc.

Represented By
Frank X Ruggier

Trustee(s):

Howard M Ehrenberg (TR)

Pro Se

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2:23-11291 Jae Paul Pak

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#201.00 Post Confirmation Status Conference in a Chapter 11 Subchapter V Case

fr: 10-18-23; 10-26-23; 11-15-23; 12-13-23; 1-9-24; 2-14-24; 3-12-24; 4-2-24;
6-6-24; 10-30-24; 5-27-25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative Ruling for October 26, 2023:

The Court has a series of questions and comments concerning the form of the plan that will be discussed on the record at the time of hearing. Set deadline for filing amended plan and confirmation related deadlines.

Final Ruling for October 26, 2023:

Debtor should lodge an order setting the deadline for making 1111(b) elections, which will be two weeks after the debtor serves the plan and ballots. The notice of plan related deadlines should include a reference to this deadline. Parties are scheduled for another mediation session on November 2, 2023 and anticipate filing an amended plan with amended projections. Court continued hearing to November 15, 2023 at 2:00 p.m. and waived the requirement of a status report.

Tentative Ruling for November 15, 2023:

Court has entered order setting deadline for 1111(b) elections. Did parties participate in another day of mediation on November 2, 2023? If so, what was the outcome? Hearing required.

12/12/23 -- Court approved stipulation continuing case status conference to January 9, 2024 at 2:00 p.m. Debtor shall file a further amended plan (if there are further amendments to make) not later than January 4, 2024. OFF CALENDAR FOR DECEMBER 13, 2023.

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Tentative Ruling for January 9, 2024:

The parties report that mediation was unsuccessful and that there are no further mediations scheduled at this time.

Has the debtor filed a motion or an adversary proceeding seeking to avoid any of Rassman's liens? If not, why not? Can the plan be confirmed in its present form before the appeal is resolved? Hearing required.

Tentative Ruling for February 14, 2024:

Court has reviewed latest version of debtor's plan. This version contains a claim reserve, so it appears that the *amount* of Rassman's claim does not need to be resolved before confirmation, but inasmuch as the plan does not provide for the payment of interest and treats Rassman's claim as an unsecured claim, success in the debtor's efforts to avoid any liens that Rassman asserts appears to be a condition precedent to confirmation. Either the plan should so state or the court should not move forward with confirmation unless and until that has occurred.

Court has a number of small stylistic changes to propose with regard to the plan, but, more fundamentally, how much does the debtor intend to pay on account of unsecured claims? The plan neither promises a set dollar amount (or at least a minimum) monthly payment or a set percentage. How would the court ever determine whether the debtor is in compliance? The Class 4 treatment is vague, to say the least. It says, "From the funds remaining to be paid through the Plan [is this amount even disclosed anywhere?], Class 4 Claimants will be paid their pro rata share of those funds monthly over five years starting in year three (3) of the Plan." Huh? True, the subchapter V trustee is supposed to assist in determining the amount of the 50 percent of net income that the debtor's company will have to contribute, but that is not the entirety of the amounts to be paid to Class 4 creditors, is it? Doesn't the debtor intend to pay additional amounts from other sources?

Debtor is planning to reject the Porsche lease and sets a deadline for the filing of any rejection claim. Will there be one? Is an estimated amount of

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this claim included in the plan's estimates of general unsecured claims?

Final Ruling for February 14, 2024:

Debtor will be filing 522(f) motion. If that motion does not resolve issues, debtor will either create an alternate plan structure that can be confirmed whether lien is avoided or not or insert condition precedent to confirmation. Court continued hearing to March 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. Debtor may use this date as hearing date for 522(f) motion. Debtor should file amended plan by March 1, 2024.

Tentative Ruling for March 12, 2024:

Court has one or two comments on the form of the amended plan. Continue case status conference to date of continued hearing on 522(f) motion.

Final Ruling for March 12, 2024:

Continue case status conference to same date and time as continued hearing on motion to avoid lien.

Tentative Ruling for April 2, 2024:

Court has now granted motion to avoid lien against debtor's interest in residence, but does court have to resolve adversary proceedings before plan in its current form may be confirmed? (Adv. No. 24-01011 is about to be resolved, but another adversary proceeding remains.) Hearing required.

Tentative Ruling for June 6, 2024:

Revisit status of case after conclusion of confirmation hearing.

Tentative Ruling for October 18, 2024:

The status reports filed by the debtor and the subchapter V trustee identify 3 issues:

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1. When first quarterly report should be due. There is no need to specify a date certain for the first report. The deadline should track from the date on which the plan becomes effective and say something like, the first quarterly report should be filed not later than 30 days after the end of the first full calendar quarter after the plan has become effective.

2. Dr. Rassman has requested additional language that appears consistent with directions given by the Court at the October 1 status conference on the form of the confirmation order. Neither the trustee nor the debtor appear to have any problems with this new language, so what is the issue?

3. The debtor and JPMD were to have filed their 2023 tax returns by October 15, 2024. Did this occur and have copies been provided to the subchapter V trustee?

Hearing required.

5/22/25 -- Court approved stipulation continuing conference to June 11, 2025 at **2:00**. The Debtor's reports will be filed not later than May 27, 2025 and Rassman's and Trustee's will be filed not later than June 3, 2025. APPEARANCES WAIVED ON MAY 27, 2025.

Tentative Ruling for June 11, 2025:

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Have there been any developments since the status reports were filed that the parties would like to share with the Court? Hearing required.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jae Paul Pak

Represented By
Jeffrey I Golden
Beth Gaschen

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Trustee(s):

Susan K Seflin (TR)

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