

**United States Bankruptcy Court  
Central District of California  
Los Angeles  
Neil Bason, Presiding  
Courtroom 1545 Calendar**

**Tuesday, December 16, 2025**

**Hearing Room 1545**

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Docket 0

**Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

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**2:25-16501 Anthony Wright**

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**#1.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [RP]**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 40

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant as set forth below.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

Effective date of relief

Deny the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)(4)

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(Fed. R. Bankr. P.) for lack of sufficient cause shown.

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Anthony Wright

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Movant(s):**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee

Represented By  
David Coats  
Joseph C Delmotte

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:23-17209 Cristobal Ramirez Ramos**

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**#2.00** Hrg re: Motion for relief from stay [RP]

WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 39

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Continued per stipulation (dkt. 44) and  
order thereon.**

**Tentative Ruling:**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cristobal Ramirez Ramos

Represented By  
Lauren M Foley

**Movant(s):**

Wilmington Savings Fund Society,

Represented By  
Chad L Butler

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-11948 Eddie Leonarde Royal, Sr.**

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**#3.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [RP]**

M & T BANK  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 109

**Tentative Ruling:**

Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
  - (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order
  - (c) the request of the Chapter 13 Trustee ("Trustee") to make Trustee the disbursing agent for payments to Movant
- (see Debtor's response, dkt. 111; Trustee's response, dkt. 113).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Eddie Leonarde Royal Sr.

Represented By  
Juanita V Miller

**Movant(s):**

M & T Bank

Represented By  
Fanny Zhang Wan

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**2:25-16730 Erin Napoleon**

**Chapter 13**

**#4.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [RP]  
[CASE CONVERTED 9/5/2025]**

WELLS FARGO BANK, N.A.  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 44

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

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Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)  
(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have  
any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so  
the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Erin Napoleon

Pro Se

**Movant(s):**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A.

Represented By  
Jennifer C Wong

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-15887 Trevar Allen Egans**

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**#5.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [RP]**

NEWREZ LLC dba SHELLPOINT MORTGAGE SERVICING  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 42

**Tentative Ruling:**

Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
  - (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order
  - (c) the request of the Chapter 13 Trustee ("Trustee") to make Trustee the disbursing agent for payments to Movant
- (see Debtor's response, dkt. 47; Trustee's response, dkt. 45).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Trevar Allen Egans

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

**Movant(s):**

NewRez LLC dba Shellpoint

Represented By  
Fanny Zhang Wan

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**2:25-18926 El Abbas Shamir Fassassi Badarou**

**Chapter 7**

**#6.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]**

WESTLAKE SERVICES, LLC dba WESTLAKE FINANCIAL SERVICES  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 9

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1) and (d)(2).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

Effective date of relief

Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)

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(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

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Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

El Abbas Shamir Fassassi Badarou

Represented By  
Joseph M Tosti

**Movant(s):**

Westlake Services, LLC dba

Represented By  
Dane W Exnowski

**Trustee(s):**

Carolyn A Dye (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-13374 Jennifer Lorraine Murphy and Brain Michael Murphy**

**Chapter 13**

**#7.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]**

CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 43

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

Effective date of relief

Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)

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**CONT...**      **Jennifer Lorraine Murphy and Brain Michael Murphy**  
(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

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Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Jennifer Lorraine Murphy

Represented By  
Julie J Villalobos

**Joint Debtor(s):**

Brain Michael Murphy

Represented By  
Julie J Villalobos

**Movant(s):**

Capital One Auto Finance, a division

Represented By  
Kristin A Schuler-Hintz  
Jennifer C Wong

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:23-17534 Juan Manuel Nunez and Nancy Nunez**

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**#8.00** Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]

U.S. BANK NATIONAL ASSOCIATION  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 47

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: APO**

**Tentative Ruling:**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Juan Manuel Nunez

Represented By  
D Justin Harelik

**Joint Debtor(s):**

Nancy Nunez

Represented By  
D Justin Harelik

**Movant(s):**

U.S. Bank National Association

Represented By  
Chad L Butler

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**2:25-15784 Marta Angelica Larregui**

**Chapter 7**

**#9.00 Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]  
[CASE CONVERTED 10/14/2025]**

AMERICAN HONDA FINANCE CORPORATION  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 53

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1) and (d)(2).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

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Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)  
(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have  
any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so  
the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Marta Angelica Larregui

Represented By  
Bert Briones

**Movant(s):**

American Honda Finance

Represented By  
Kirsten Martinez

**Trustee(s):**

Wesley H Avery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-13048 RD William Whittington**

**Chapter 7**

**#10.00** Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]

FERRARI FINANCIAL SERVICES, INC  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 90

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Resolved per stipulation (dkt. 101) and  
order thereon**

**Tentative Ruling:**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Movant(s):**

Ferrari Financial Services Inc.

Represented By  
Cameron Schlagel  
Raminta A. Rudys

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-19605 Steven Galindo**

**Chapter 13**

**#11.00** Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]

ACAR LEASING LTD d/b/a GM FINANCIAL LEASING  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 12

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

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Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)

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(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

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Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Steven Galindo

Represented By  
Michael D Luppi

**Movant(s):**

ACAR Leasing LTD d/b/a GM

Represented By  
Sheryl K Ith

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**2:25-19578 Rodeen Nehel Dunn Alonzo**

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**#12.00** Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [UD]  
***[CASE DISMISSED 12/9/25]***

VICTOR SUNER  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 15

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant in part and deny in part as set forth below.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

The automatic stay does not apply

This case has been dismissed, which terminates the automatic stay.  
See 11 U.S.C. 349(b)(3) & 362(c).

In the alternative and in addition, the tentative ruling is to grant relief

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from the automatic stay as follows.

Note regarding mootness: As provided in the posted "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)), the tentative ruling is that a motion for relief from the automatic stay is not mooted even when the tentative ruling is that the stay no longer exists, for the following reasons:

a. Multiple, alternative grounds for relief should all be reached.

When a motion seeks the same relief on multiple alternative grounds, all of those grounds usually should be ruled on because a tentative or final ruling on any one ground might be reversed or altered later on. For example, movants often seek a ruling that the automatic stay does not prevent them from pursuing their remedies both (i) because the stay does not apply (e.g., after dismissal of the bankruptcy case, per 11 U.S.C. §§ 349(b)(3), 362(c)) and alternatively (ii) because relief from the stay is appropriate (under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)). If the first ground later turns out to be reversed or altered (e.g., if a dismissal is vacated), the movant would be prejudiced if this Court had refused to reach the movant's alternative argument that the stay should be lifted. See *also*, e.g., *In re Krueger*, 88 B.R. 238, 241-42 (9th Cir. BAP 1988) (notwithstanding dismissal, stay held to continue due to lack of proper notice re dismissal).

b. Annulment, *in rem* relief, etc. Some matters always remain relevant, notwithstanding dismissal, closing of a case, or other grounds on which the stay might not currently exist. See *In re Aheong*, 276 B.R. 233 (9th Cir. BAP 2002).

For the foregoing reasons, the tentative ruling is that it is appropriate to address the following issues.

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1) and (d)(2).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. See *In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

Retroactive relief

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Deny the request for retroactive annulment of the stay because Judge Bason is not prepared to issue a blanket annulment with respect to whatever unspecified things might have occurred postpetition.

Relief notwithstanding *future* bankruptcy cases

Deny, without prejudice to any other types of relief granted herein (or previously granted).

The motion requests "*in rem*" relief (*i.e.*, relief applicable notwithstanding *future* bankruptcy cases (under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(4) and/or *In re Vazquez*, 580 B.R. 526 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2017), and/or *In re Choong* (case no. 2:14-bk-28378-NB, docket no. 31)). The tentative ruling is to deny that request (x) for lack of service on co-lessee Joseph Anthony Alonzo, and (y) for lack of sufficient cause shown because there is no evidence of the type typically required for such relief, such as multiple bankruptcy filings affecting the subject property or unauthorized transfers of any leasehold interest combined with a scheme to delay, hinder or defraud creditors.

To be clear, it might be that those things are true. But the moving papers do not provide evidence of those things, or argument about how the particular circumstances of this case are equivalent to the "scheme" contemplated by Congress as warranting "in rem" relief (see 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(4)).

Effective date of relief

Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a)(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Rodeen Nehel Dunn Alonzo

Pro Se

**Movant(s):**

Victoria Suner

Represented By



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**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 11/4/25 this Court was persuaded to grant a *final* continuance of this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court issue its oral ruling at the hearing.

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**Tentative Ruling for 11/4/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 10/7/25 this Court was persuaded to grant a final continuance of this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court issue its oral ruling at the hearing.

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**Tentative Ruling for 10/7/25:**

Appearances required.

This hearing has been continued many times. The parties are directed to address whether this Court should make any further continuance a final continuance.

At the hearing on 8/5/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 8/5/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 6/17/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 6/17/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 5/6/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 5/6/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 4/8/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 4/8/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 2/25/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 2/25/25:**

Appearances required.

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prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 1/7/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 12/3/24 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 12/3/24:**

Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current and/or (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order (see Debtor's response, dkt. 54).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

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**Debtor(s):**

Marilynn Warren Marks-Wynne

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Joshua Sternberg

**Movant(s):**

U.S. Bank Trust Company, National

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Sarah Arlene Dooley-Lewis

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**Tentative Ruling:**

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Appearances required.

At the hearing on 11/18/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
- (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order
- (c) the request of the Chapter 13 Trustee ("Trustee") to make Trustee the disbursing agent for payments to Movant (see Trustee's response, dkt. 43).

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**Debtor(s):**

Robby Christopher Hilliard Jr.

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**Movant(s):**

Wells Fargo Bank, N.A., as Trustee

Represented By  
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Dane W Exnowski  
Sarah Arlene Dooley-Lewis  
Joseph C Delmotte

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**2:23-15025 Russell Kham Phan Ros and Mary Sok Puth-Ros**

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Russell Kham Phan Ros

Represented By  
Jacqueline D Serrao

**Joint Debtor(s):**

Mary Sok Puth-Ros

Represented By  
Jacqueline D Serrao

**Movant(s):**

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Represented By  
Darlene C Vigil  
Cassandra J Richey  
Joseph C Delmotte

**Trustee(s):**

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

This matter was continued to this date by stipulation of the parties. Dkt. 61 & 63. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 7/15/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 6/17/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current, (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order (see Debtor's response, dkt. 46–47), and (c) their positions with respect to the motion of the Chapter 13 Trustee (“Trustee”) to modify Debtor’s confirmed plan to make Trustee the disbursing agent with respect all payments pertaining to the mortgage obligation on Debtor’s primary residence (see Trustee’s response (dkt. 48) and Trustee’s motion to modify plan (dkt. 49)).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Terri Anita Payne

Represented By  
Gregory M Shanfeld

**Movant(s):**

Lakeview Loan Servicing, LLC

Represented By  
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Christina J Khil

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

At the hearing on 11/18/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. The tentative ruling is to deny this motion as moot, without prejudice, based on the parties' apparent resolution of their disputes (see amended Plan, dkt. 58, and Movant's withdrawal of objections to confirmation, dkt. 60). Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling (including the tentative ruling for 11/18/25 reproduced below).

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): Opposition (dkt. 28), Reply (dkt. 32); unauthorized Sur-Reply papers (dkt. 39-40 & 52).

(1) Background, and direction to meet and confer

Broadly speaking, Movant seeks relief from the automatic stay because (a) no adequate protection payments have been made and (b) Movant asserts that this bankruptcy case was not filed in good faith, because initially Debtor proposed a chapter 13 plan that did not meet statutory requirements and appeared to be infeasible. See R/S Motion (dkt. 26) p. 2:5-15. Prior to the initial hearing on 9/23/25 Debtor filed contribution declarations to address the feasibility issue.

At the hearing on 9/23/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this hearing to provide Debtor with an opportunity to cure the defects in Debtor's original and amended proposed plan (dkt. 17, 33), as discussed at that hearing. Debtor's latest proposed Plan (dkt. 33, p. 8) appears to adequately address at least one of Movant's objections by re-classifying the fully matured, fully secured prepetition claim (under the name of "Val Chris Investments") in Class 3C (claims to be paid in full during the term of the plan). See R/S Motion (dkt. 26), p. 4:13-18.

But it appears that the parties still disagree about the appropriate interest rate. Debtor's current proposed plan includes an interest rate of 8.25%, which Debtor asserts is prime plus 1%. See Plan (dkt. 33) p. 8; MPA (dkt. 40) p. 2:3-5. Movant's earlier papers refer to the default rate of interest (18.5%) and the non-default contract rate (12.5%). See R/S Motion (dkt. 26) p. 5:23-24 at n. 3. But Debtor is correct that the Supreme Court has rejected the contractual rate for cramdown purposes. See *Till v. SCS Credit Corp.*, 541 U.S. 465, 477-78 and passim (2004). According to Debtor, Movant has now proposed a rate of 9.75%. See Debtor Request for Evid. Hrg. (dkt. 52) p. 4:17-19.

Debtor calculates that the difference in interest payments would be roughly \$4,000.00 over five years. See *id.* (dkt. 52) p. 4:12-19 (\$20,861.41 - \$16,850.38 = \$4,011.03). Of course, the present value of that difference is

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even less. In other words, it is not worth spending a lot in attorney fees to argue over the appropriate interest rate.

Debtor requests an evidentiary hearing (dkt. 52), so it appears that the parties have not agreed on the interest rate. The remainder of this tentative ruling expresses this Court's present views on how to address the proper cramdown interest rate. This Court hopes that this tentative ruling will help the parties to reach agreement, or alternatively help the parties at least to agree on how to litigate efficiently their disputes over the interest rate. ***The parties are directed to meet and confer prior to the hearing*** on those issues (*i.e.*, to attempt to reach an agreement on the interest rate or at least the methodology to resolve their disputes).

(2) How to determine the proper interest rate

Under 11 U.S.C. 1325(a)(5)(B)(ii), "the value, as of the effective date of the plan, of property to be distributed under the plan on account of [Movant's] claim" must be "not less than the allowed amount of such claim." (Emphasis added.) The Supreme Court has determined that this statutory language requires payment of a "cramdown" interest rate.

Debtor is correct to the extent he argues that "lenders' transaction costs and overall profits" are "no longer relevant in the context of court-administered and court-supervised cramdown loans." *Till*, 541 U.S. 465, 477. One consequence is that, although it is fairly common to make reference to a "market rate," that is imprecise language. The actual methodology approved by a plurality of the Supreme Court is to start with a "risk-free or nearly risk-free rate, such as U.S. Treasuries or the prime rate, and then buil[d] up a rate by adding basis points to account for the unique issues of risk present in the subject transaction" - in that context, "markets are but one reference point among many." See *In re N. Valley Mall, LLC*, 432 B.R. 825, 830-31 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2010) (interpreting *Till*).

In addition, Debtor is correct that this Court "must ... hold a hearing at which the debtor and any creditors may present evidence about the appropriate risk adjustment" and then adjust upward, placing the initial "evidentiary burden squarely on the creditors" to present a *prima facie* showing of the proper adjustment. *Till*, 541 U.S. 465, 479. Debtor can then present rebuttal evidence, and so on back and forth as each side meets its burden to present rebuttal evidence more persuasive than the other side's latest evidence.

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The tentative ruling is that, as this Court stated at the prior hearing, *Till*'s "prime plus 1-3 percent" formula is well suited to collateral like the truck at issue in *Till* but generally is not well suited to real estate. *Cf. N. Valley Mall, LLC*, 432 B.R. 825, 831-32 & n. 7 (noting that various formulas have been used). That said, this Court is open to arguments that, given the small dollar amount in difference between the parties' proposed interest rates, perhaps the *Till* formula is appropriate after all.

Alternatively, if the *Till* formula is not used, that raises the question what alternative formula should be used. The tentative ruling is that the parties should, in the first instance, suggest whatever formulas they believe are appropriate. If the parties cannot agree on a single formula then this Court can either choose between the parties' suggested formulas or, alternatively, accept both and then determine which party has presented the more persuasive combination of a formula and evidence in support of that formula.

The tentative ruling, however, is that there are some broad boundaries on what types of formulas this Court will accept. One important boundary in adopting any formula is whether it would involve an expensive evidentiary hearing. The Supreme Court plurality and dissent both expressed concern about such expenses. *See, e.g., Till*, 541 U.S. 465, 477 (seeking to avoid "significant evidentiary costs"), *id.* at 475 (favoring approach that "minimizes the need for expensive evidentiary proceedings") *and* dissent at 500 (Scalia, J., et al.) ("Whatever approach we prescribe, the norm should be—and undoubtedly will be— that the issue is not litigated because it is not worth litigating").

Other boundaries are that any proposed formula must account for the types of considerations highlighted by the Supreme Court. The most important consideration is the "risk of nonpayment," although the Supreme Court has listed other considerations, or perhaps what are better described as adjustments to that primary consideration. *Till*, 541 U.S. 465, 483-84, *and* dissent at 499.

The tentative ruling is to direct the parties at the hearing to propose what formula they wish to use, or alternatively to propose a deadline to file a declaration applying whatever formula they believe is appropriate.

**(3) Evidentiary hearing**

As noted above, Debtor has requested an evidentiary hearing. The

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tentative ruling is that this Court has broad discretion in how to conduct any such hearing. For example, it would make no sense to conduct a lengthy evidentiary hearing costing many thousands of dollars in legal fees in order to litigate a small difference in interest rates that would have a present value of fewer thousands of dollars or perhaps only a few hundred dollars.

Accordingly, to keep the expenses proportionate to the apparent scope of the dispute in this case, the tentative ruling is to set deadlines for direct testimony by declaration from Movant's expert, followed by a rebuttal declaration from Debtor's expert, and then a reply declaration by Movant's expert, all subject to a very **brief** opportunity for live testimony (cross-examination, re-direct, etc.). The tentative ruling is to limit each declaration to 2 pages plus a spreadsheet of another 2 pages. The tentative ruling is to limit such live testimony to a total of **one-half hour for each side** (subject to extension if a witness is being evasive, or for other good cause). Alternatively, at least if the parties both consent, this Court might be persuaded to decide the issues on the papers without any live testimony, or this Court might be persuaded to adopt a different methodology such as a single simultaneous filing of competing declarations with no rebuttal.

At the hearing the parties are directed to address possible dates for filing and serving declarations and for any evidentiary hearing. The tentative ruling is to continue this hearing on the R/S Motion to be contemporaneous with that evidentiary hearing.

**(4) Other considerations**

As noted above, Movant has objected that no adequate protection payments are being made. R/S Motion (dkt. 26) p. 2:5. The tentative ruling is that, although Movant appears to be protected by an equity cushion, it is appropriate to require Debtor to commence making adequate protection payments in at least the dollar amount proposed in the latest Plan: \$1,358.55 per month, starting on 12/1/25. See Plan (dkt. 33) p. 8. The tentative ruling is to memorialize this in a standard adequate protection order ("APO"), including the usual APO provisions (e.g., a 14-day opportunity to cure, with a maximum of three such opportunities).

Finally, the tentative ruling is that the foregoing relief - adequate protection payments, plus an equity cushion, procedures to establish the appropriate cramdown interest rate, and a continued hearing on this R/S Motion - collectively satisfy the requirements of 11 U.S.C. 362(e). If Movant



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disagrees, Movant is directed to argue that issue at the hearing, and this Court can determine the appropriate disposition.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge a proposed APO via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

**Tentative Ruling for 9/23/25:**

Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
- (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order

(see Debtor's response, dkt. 28).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Jose Manuel Zepeda

Represented By  
Justin Graham

**Movant(s):**

APEX NOTE FUND, LLC A

Represented By  
Arnold L Graff

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

**Appearances required.**

This Court's adopted tentative ruling for 12/2/25 continued this matter to today but directed Movant (a) to serve a copy of the motion papers and notice of the continued hearing, and the deadlines in this tentative ruling, on co-borrower/co-owner Ariana Barajas and Debtor, and (b) file a proof of service by 12/3/25. Instead, that notice was not filed and served until 12/12/25, and it does not reflect service on Ariana Barajas (or Debtor's ex-spouse, who asserts a community property interest in the subject property). See Notice (dkt. 27).

Meanwhile, Debtor has filed a declaration of a real estate agent asserting that he is "unable to list this property in the market for sale" because Debtor's "ex-wife, Maria Gutierrez, refuses to sign off on the sale documents" and Debtor is waiting on "a court order dividing the community assets to proceed with the sale" of the subject property. Decl. (dkt. 26, p. 2:8-16). Debtor allegedly has a hearing of some sort (possibly on division of property?) scheduled in State Court for 12/23/25 at 1:30 p.m. (*id.*, p. 2:16-18) and a trial (possibly on the same issue) scheduled for 1/7/26 at 1:30 p.m. *Id.* and Ex. 2 at PDF pp. 8-10.

On the one hand, this Court notes that Debtor's bankruptcy schedules suggest a substantial equity in the subject property, and Movant's papers do not assert a lack of equity. In addition, this Court takes judicial notice that bankruptcy sales generally maximize value (especially due to the ability to sell free and clear of liens and other encumbrances under 11 U.S.C. 363(f)), whereas foreclosure sales generally produce substantially less than market

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value.

On the other hand, this Court notes that Movant has provided evidence of (i) a string of missed postpetition payments in this case and (ii) a string of prior bankruptcy petitions by various persons that have greatly delayed Movant's exercise of any nonbankruptcy remedies. In addition, Debtor's response (dkt. 23) to the R/S Motion (dkt. 21) states that "Debtor's home [the subject property] has been listed for sale" (dkt. 23, Debtor Decl., p. 1:28, at PDF p. 4, emphasis added) which appears to be an outright lie, given the real estate agent's above-quoted declaration that he is "unable to list this property in the market for sale" (because of the non-consent of Debtor's ex-wife). Decl. (dkt. 26, p. 2:8-16, emphasis added). In addition, this Court questions whether Debtor's stated intent to sell the subject property is genuine, given that despite the filing of this bankruptcy case three months ago (on 9/9/25) and despite various bankruptcy tools that could have been used in this case or a prior bankruptcy case to sell property that is subject to various asserted interests, Debtor has not taken steps to do so. See, e.g., 11 U.S.C. 363(b), (f), (g) & (h).

Ultimately, there is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 12/2/25:**

The tentative ruling is to (x) continue this hearing to 12/16/25 at 10:00 a.m. to monitor Debtor's sale efforts, (y) set a **deadline of 12/3/25 for Movant** to serve a copy of the motion papers and notice of the continued hearing, and the deadlines in this tentative ruling, on co-borrower/co-owner Ariana Barajas and Debtor, and file a proof of service, and (z) set a **deadline of 12/11/25 at noon for any response by Ms. Baraja and for Debtor** to file a supplemental declaration from a broker or real estate agent describing all efforts that have been undertaken to market the property for sale.

Appearances are not required on 12/2/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative

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ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge a proposed interim order on the foregoing matter via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): Debtor's opposition (dkt. 23)

Analysis

The tentative ruling is that Movant has established sufficient "cause" for relief under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1) based on Debtor's failure to make post-petition mortgage payments and history of bankruptcy filings and, therefore, this Court "shall" grant some form of relief. But that relief need not be to terminate the automatic stay at this time, and instead appropriate relief is granted by mandating adequate protection in the form of a combination of (1) the equity cushion above Movant's lien, (2) Debtor's efforts to sell the property, and (3) continued hearing(s) to monitor those efforts. As for "in rem" relief under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(4), the tentative ruling is that Movant must provide supplemental service of the motion and notice of a continued hearing as set forth herein.

Relief notwithstanding future bankruptcy cases

As to the requested relief that will remain effective notwithstanding any future bankruptcy case, continue the motion to the date and time set forth at the start of this tentative ruling, for service on the persons who executed the documents through which the movant asserts its interest in the property (sometimes referred to in the mortgage context as the "original borrower").

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Reasons: See LBR 4001-1(c)(1)(B). In addition, Judge Bason has due process concerns about granting such relief without service on the person(s) whose interests may be most directly affected. See *generally Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306 (1950) (due process generally). In this matter, such persons appear to include: Adriana Barajas. See dkt. 21, PDF p. 33.

Effective date of relief

Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a) (4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.). In other words, Movant is not stayed in doing any pre-foreclosure activities, such as sending notices related to foreclosure, but is barred from actually foreclosing so long as Debtor shows sufficient progress towards a consensual sale of the subject property (or a satisfactory alternative such as refinancing).

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cesar Barajas

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

**Movant(s):**

U.S. BANK TRUST NATIONAL

Represented By  
Sean C Ferry

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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Docket 16

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Deny request for future *in rem* relief, without prejudice, for the reasons stated below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

*Proposed order:* Movant is directed to lodge a proposed order via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date, and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this court's final ruling. See LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Reason: This matter was continued from 12/2/25 on shortened notice on the condition that Movant serve the motion and notice of this continued hearing on the original borrower, Raquel Ruiz, by 12/3/25. As of the preparation of this tentative ruling, Movant has not filed a proof of service. Based on Movant's non-compliance, the tentative ruling is to deny Movant's request for future *in rem* relief.

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Grant in part and continue to 12/16/25 at 10:00 a.m. as set forth below.  
Appearances are not required on 12/2/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

The automatic stay does not apply

The movant obtained a prepetition eviction judgment and writ of possession. See R/S Motion (dkt. 16) Ex. 5, at PDF pp. 33-35, *and see In re Perl*, 811 F.3d 1120, 1127-28 (9th Cir. 2016) ("We conclude that under California law, entry of judgment and a writ of possession following unlawful detainer proceedings extinguishes all other legal and equitable possessory interests in the real property at issue.").

In addition, by the time of this hearing Debtor's bankruptcy case might be dismissed because, as of the preparation of this tentative ruling, Debtor has just filed a request for voluntary dismissal of this case (dkt. 21). Dismissal terminates the automatic stay. See 11 U.S.C. 349(b)(3) & 362(c).

In the alternative and in addition, the tentative ruling is to grant relief from the automatic stay as follows.

Note regarding mootness: As provided in the posted "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)), the tentative ruling is that a motion for relief from the automatic stay is not mooted even when the tentative ruling is that the stay no longer exists, for the following reasons:

- a. Multiple, alternative grounds for relief should all be reached.  
When a motion seeks the same relief on multiple alternative grounds, all of those grounds usually should be ruled on because a tentative or final ruling on any one ground might

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be reversed or altered later on. For example, movants often seek a ruling that the automatic stay does not prevent them from pursuing their remedies both (i) because the stay does not apply (*e.g.*, after dismissal of the bankruptcy case, per 11 U.S.C. §§ 349(b)(3), 362(c)) and alternatively (ii) because relief from the stay is appropriate (under 11 U.S.C. § 362(d)). If the first ground later turns out to be reversed or altered (*e.g.*, if a dismissal is vacated), the movant would be prejudiced if this Court had refused to reach the movant's alternative argument that the stay should be lifted. *See also, e.g., In re Krueger*, 88 B.R. 238, 241-42 (9th Cir. BAP 1988) (notwithstanding dismissal, stay held to continue due to lack of proper notice re dismissal).

- b. Annulment, *in rem* relief, etc. Some matters always remain relevant, notwithstanding dismissal, closing of a case, or other grounds on which the stay might not currently exist. *See In re Aheong*, 276 B.R. 233 (9th Cir. BAP 2002).

For the foregoing reasons, the tentative ruling is that it is appropriate to address the following issues.

Termination

Terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1) and (d)(2).

To the extent, if any, that the motion seeks to terminate the automatic stay in *other* past or pending bankruptcy cases, such relief is denied on the present record. *See In re Ervin* (Case No. 14-bk-18204-NB, docket no. 311).

Relief notwithstanding *future* bankruptcy cases

As to the requested relief that will remain effective notwithstanding any future bankruptcy case, continue the motion to the date and time set forth at the start of this tentative ruling, for

- (i) service on the persons who executed the documents through which the movant asserts its interest in the property (sometimes referred to in the mortgage context as the "original borrower") (see R/S Motion (dkt. 16), Ex. 1 at PDF pp. 11-16 (TDUS) (this Court will *sua sponte* deny such "*in rem*" relief without such service) and
- (ii) optional service on the additional persons named in the unlawful



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detainer judgment and writ of possession who purported to have a ownership and/or possessory interest in the subject property (on the present record this Court cannot conclude that there would be any due process concerns about not serving such persons, who appear to be strangers to the documents through which Movant claims their interest in the subject property, and therefore this Court will not, *sua sponte*, deny *in rem* relief if these additional persons are not served; but Movant may wish to serve as many people as possible to avoid potential future challenges to any order this Court may issue).

Reasons: See LBR 4001-1(c)(1)(B). In addition, Judge Bason has due process concerns about granting *in rem* relief without service on the person(s) whose interests may be most directly affected. See *generally Mullane v. Central Hanover Bank & Trust Co.*, 339 U.S. 306 (1950) (due process generally).

In this matter, the persons described above appear to include: (i) Raquel Ruiz, and (ii) Antonio Benavides and Maria Gracia Ruiz.

Option for shortened time: This Court has selected a continued hearing date that contemplates shortened notice (per Rule 9006) but that date is conditioned on the movant (i) serving, on the day after the current hearing date, the motion papers and notice of the continued hearing date, and (ii) filing that notice and a proof of service no later than the next day. Alternatively, the movant may self-calendar a continued hearing on *regular* notice.

Option for interim/partial order: Movant may elect to lodge a proposed order granting the *partial* relief provided in this tentative ruling, but any such order must recite that a continued hearing has been set to consider additional relief (or, alternatively, that the movant no longer seeks additional relief and the Clerk's office is requested and directed to take the continued hearing off calendar).

Effective date of relief

Grant the request to waive the 14-day stay provided by Rule 4001(a) (4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

Co-debtor stay

Any co-debtor stay (11 U.S.C. 1301(c)) has not been shown to have

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any basis for any different treatment from the stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(a), so  
the tentative ruling is to grant the identical relief regarding any co-debtor stay.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Jose Alfredo Ruiz	Pro Se
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**Movant(s):**

CHEN, MEIYU	Represented By Larry Rothman
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**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)	Pro Se
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VS  
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**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Resolved by stipulation (dkt. 49) and order  
thereon.**

**Tentative Ruling:**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Fernando Barrera

Represented By  
Jaime A Cuevas Jr.

**Movant(s):**

Toyota Motor Credit Corporation

Represented By  
Kirsten Martinez

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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Docket 41

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 10/21/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today and directed Movant to give written notice by 10/23/25. As of the preparation of this tentative ruling, the docket does not reflect any such notice or proof of service. Why not?

Meanwhile, the docket reflects a motion by the Chapter 13 Trustee to dismiss this case (dkt. 59) based on a delinquency of \$5,563.00, on top of the delinquency owed to Movant, and in addition to the domestic support obligations owed to Debtor's former spouse (see ex-spouse reponse, dkt. 52, *and* preliminary order thereon, dkt. 55).

There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address whether Debtor's case will be dismissed or converted to chapter 7, and alternatively whether this Court should issue an adequate protection order ("APO") that sets deadlines and that provides, in the event of default, for relief from the automatic stay and/or conversion to chapter 7 for a sale of the subject property, or other relief.

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Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
- (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order
- (c) the request of the Chapter 13 Trustee ("Trustee") to make Trustee the disbursing agent for payments to Movant
- (d) the issues set forth in this Court's "Order Setting Status Conference on Request of Debtor's Ex-Spouse Sonia Jimenez for an Order Authorizing Her to Market and Sell Property" (dkt. 55)

(see Trustee's response (dkt. 45), Debtor's response (dkt. 50), Ex-Spouse Sonia Jimenez's response (dkt. 52–54); and order (dkt. 55)).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Jose Jesus Ortiz

Represented By  
Thomas B Ure

**Movant(s):**

Deutsche Bank National Trust

Represented By  
David Coats  
Sarah Arlene Dooley-Lewis

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

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Docket 55

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 10/21/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the issues set forth in the tentative ruling for calendar no. 21 (12/16/25 at 10:00 a.m.).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

**Tentative Ruling for 10/21/25:**

Appearances required. The parties are directed to address the issues set forth in this Court's "Order Setting Status Conference on Request of Debtor's Ex-Spouse Sonia Jimenez for an Order Authorizing Her to Market and Sell Property" (dkt. 55).

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**Debtor(s):**

Jose Jesus Ortiz

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**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:22-11182 Vernon David Harm Behrens**

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Docket 116

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 11/18/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 11/6/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

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**Chapter 13**

**Tentative Ruling for 11/6/25:**

Appearances required.

At the hearing on 10/7/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today. There is no tentative ruling but the parties should be prepared to address the current status of this matter, and whether this Court should set any briefing schedules, any hearings, or any other procedures.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

**Tentative Ruling for 10/7/25:**

Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
- (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order
- (c) the request of the Chapter 13 Trustee ("Trustee") to make Trustee the disbursing agent for payments to Movant (see Debtor's next friend's response, dkt. 121 & 122; Trustee's response, dkt. 119).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Vernon David Harm Behrens

Represented By  
Nima S Vokshori

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**Movant(s):**

U.S. Bank Trust National

Represented By

Joseph C Delmotte

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:22-11182 Vernon David Harm Behrens**

**Chapter 13**

**#24.00** Cont'd hrg re: Order directing Nima S. Vokshori, Esq to appear and show cause re: (A) Why he should not be ordered to immediately resume his representation of debtor, and (B) Why this court should not impose sanctions against him for abandoning his client without leave of court  
fr. 11/6/25, 11/18/25

Docket 0

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

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**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Appearances required.

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**Tentative Ruling for 11/6/25:**

There is no tentative ruling. The parties are directed to address the issues raised in this Court's orders (dkt. 124, 134). Appearances required.

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**Debtor(s):**

Vernon David Harm Behrens

Represented By  
Nima S Vokshori

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-10181 Jamie Mazur**

**Chapter 11**

**#25.00** Cont'd hrg re: Motion for relief from stay [PP]  
fr. 11/18/25

CAPITAL ONE AUTO FINANCE, A DIVISION OF CAPITAL ONE, N.A.  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 126

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 26, 12/16/25 at 10:00 a.m.).

**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Appearances required. There is no tentative ruling, but the parties should be prepared to address:

- (a) whether the alleged arrears have been brought current
- (b) whether they will agree to the terms of an adequate protection order

(see Debtor's response (dkt. 134–35)).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

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**Debtor(s):**

Jamie Mazur

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

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**Chapter 11**

**Movant(s):**

Capital One Auto Finance, a division

Represented By  
Jennifer C Wong

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**2:25-10181 Jamie Mazur**

**Chapter 11**

**#26.00** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
fr. 2/11/25, 3/18/25, 4/8/25, 5/6/25, 6/3/25, 6/17/25,  
07/15/25, 8/19/25, 9/9/25, 9/23/25, 10/21/25, 11/4/25,  
11/18/25, 12/2/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant relief from the automatic stay regarding the Toyota 4 Runner, and continue the status conference, as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

(1) Current issues

(a) Continued hearing on R/S Motion filed by Capital One Auto Finance (dkt. 126, 135 & 136)

Grant. Reasons: At the hearing on 11/18/25 this Court was persuaded to continue this matter to today, but Debtor's status report (dkt. 139, p. 2:21-26) states that he intends to surrender the Toyota 4 Runner.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 1/10/25.

(a) Bar date: 3/31/25 (Bar Date Order (dkt. 24) timely served, dkt. 30).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 4 (timely served, dkt. 9)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: timely filed (dkt. 102–103) (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: 2/24/26 at 1:00 p.m. (*not* 10:00 a.m.).

No written status report required.

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**Debtor(s):**

Jamie Mazur

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger



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**2:25-20203 Karina Cardenas-Ruiz**

**Chapter 13**

**#27.00** Hrg re: Motion in Individual Case for Order  
Imposing a Stay or Continuing the Automatic  
Stay as the Court Deems Appropriate

Docket 13

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Denied without prejudice. See dkt. 15.**

**Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Karina Cardenas-Ruiz

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

**Movant(s):**

Karina Cardenas-Ruiz

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-20863 Billy Bruce Rubio**

**Chapter 13**

**#28.00** Hrg re: Motion in Individual Case for Order  
Imposing a Stay or Continuing the Automatic  
Stay as the Court Deems Appropriate

Docket 13

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant, subject to the following conditions, and also subject to any opposition at the hearing. Appearances required.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

After the hearing date this Court will prepare an order and the tentative ruling is to include the following language in that order:

The stay of 11 U.S.C. 362(a) applies subject to the following modifications and conditions:

(1) Service and reconsideration. Any party in interest who was not timely served in accordance with FRBP 7004 (incorporated by FRBP 9014(b)) is hereby granted through 14 days after proper service to seek reconsideration, including retroactive relief (under FRBP 9023 and/or 9024). Any such person (a) may set a hearing on 14 days' notice, (b) may appear by telephone (if arrangements are made per Judge Bason's posted procedures), and (c) may present all arguments orally at the hearing (*i.e.*, no written argument is required). If written arguments appear necessary then this court will set a briefing schedule at the hearing.

(2) Reasons. (a) It appears appropriate to continue/impose the automatic stay, and to continue/impose it as to all persons rather

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**Billy Bruce Rubio**

**Chapter 13**

than just as to selected persons, because one purpose of the automatic stay is to preventing a "race to collect" that could unfairly advantage some creditors at the expense of others. (b) To prevent possible abuse, this Court provides the foregoing simple process for reconsideration. *See generally In re Rodriguez*, case no. 2:25-bk-16676-NB, docket #25.

(3) Very limited ruling. This Court's tentative ruling to grant the foregoing relief is solely for purposes of this motion, and is not intended to have any binding effect with respect to any future assertions by any party in interest regarding the existence or lack of existence of good faith in any other context.

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**Debtor(s):**

Billy Bruce Rubio

Represented By  
Richard T Baum

**Movant(s):**

Billy Bruce Rubio

Represented By  
Richard T Baum

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:24-16366 David Castellanos**

**Chapter 7**

**#1.00** Hrg re: Motion for Turnover of Estate Property held by debtor pursuant to 11 usc § 542(a) and (e)

Docket 48

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant the motion because Debtor has known since 8/20/25 (the date of this Court's order (dkt. 43) sustaining Trustee's objection to Debtor's claimed homestead exemption) that he would need to obtain a refinance, or obtain funds from an alternative source, to purchase the non-exempt portion of the subject property. The tentative ruling is to sustain Trustee's evidentiary objections, and alternatively to reach the same result even if those objections were not sustained. Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): Debtor's opposition (dkt. 52), Trustee's reply (dkt. 56) and evidentiary objections (dkt. 57/59)

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

David Castellanos

Represented By  
Jaime A Cuevas Jr.

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**Chapter 7**

**Movant(s):**

Brad D Krasnoff (TR)

Represented By  
Larry D Simons

**Trustee(s):**

Brad D Krasnoff (TR)

Represented By  
Larry D Simons

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**2:22-11627 Oscar Flores**

**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:25-01369 Merchants Acquisition Group LLC v. Flores

**#2.00** Status Conference re: Complaint to determine dischargeability of debtor  
(11 U.S.C. section 523(a)(6))

Docket 1

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Voluntary dism. (adv. dkt. 4)**

**Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Oscar Flores

Represented By  
D Justin Harelik

**Defendant(s):**

Oscar Flores

Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):**

Merchants Acquisition Group LLC

Represented By  
Richard W Snyder

**Trustee(s):**

Howard M Ehrenberg (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-15843 Adam Thomas Cooke**

**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:25-01354 Ondrova v. Cooke

**#3.00** Cont'd status conference re: Complaint to determine dischargeability of debt  
(11 U.S.C. section 523(a)(2)(A), (a)(4), (a)(6), and (a)(15))  
fr. 11/18/25

Docket 1

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Cont'd to 2/6/26 at 11:00 a.m. per order  
entered (dkt. 10)**

**Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Adam Thomas Cooke

Represented By  
Michael N Nicaastro

**Defendant(s):**

Adam Thomas Cooke

Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):**

Katerina Ondrova

Pro Se

**Trustee(s):**

Rosendo Gonzalez (TR)

Represented By  
Rosendo Gonzalez

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**2:22-16991 Fallah Nasser Alfallah**

**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:24-01266 Avery as Chapter 7 Trustee v. Alfallah

**#4.00** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 7 trustee's complaint  
for denial of discharge under 11 U.S.C section 727(a)  
fr. 1/28/25, 5/6/25, 9/23/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

This Court has reviewed the parties' joint status report (adv. dkt. 10) and the other filed documents and records in this adversary proceeding.

**(2) Standard requirements**

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

**(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority**

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited (adv. dkt. 10, p. 4, para. f)

**(b) Mediation**



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**Fallah Nasser Alfallah**

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Neither party requests mediation, and discovery remains ongoing. Therefore, the tentative ruling is to decline to direct the parties to attend formal mediation at this time.

(c) Deadlines

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 11/27/24.

The tentative ruling is not to set litigation deadlines at this time (other than the date of a continued status conference, as set forth below).

Joint Status Report: 2/10/26

Continued status conference: 2/24/26 at 11:00 a.m.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Fallah Nasser Alfallah

Represented By  
Derrick Talerico

**Defendant(s):**

Fallah Nasser Alfallah

Represented By  
Derrick Talerico

**Plaintiff(s):**

Wesley H Avery as Chapter 7

Represented By  
Joshua K Partington  
Andrew Still  
Derrick Talerico

**Trustee(s):**

Wesley H Avery (TR)

Represented By  
Joshua K Partington

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**2:25-12278 Justin Thomas Jackson**

**Chapter 13**

Adv#: 2:25-01217 Walker v. Jackson

**#5.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Complaint requesting exception of debt from discharge pursuant to 11 U.S.C. section 523 fr. 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

This Court has reviewed the parties' joint status report (adv. dkt. 11) and the other filed documents and records in this adversary proceeding.

**(a) Informal request to extend discovery deadlines?**

On 9/18/25 this Court entered a scheduling order which adopted a discovery cutoff of 12/16/25 and other related deadlines (among other things). Adv. dkt. 7, PDF p. 4. Notwithstanding that order, the parties' latest status report states that neither party anticipates completing their discovery efforts until at least February 2026. Adv. dkt. 11, p. 2.

The tentative ruling is to (x) treat the parties' responses as an informal request to extend the existing discovery deadlines, and (y) grant that request as set forth in Part "(2)(c)" of this tentative ruling. But the tentative ruling is that the parties and their respective counsel are cautioned that disregarding this Court's deadlines in future may lead to evidentiary presumptions or other

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adverse consequences.

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(2) Standard requirements

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited (adv. dkt. 5, p. 4, para. f)

(b) Mediation [N/A]

(c) Deadlines

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 6/23/25.

Pursuant to LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B), plaintiff is directed to lodge a proposed order via LOU within 7 days after the status conference, attaching a copy of this tentative ruling or otherwise memorializing the following.

Joinder of parties/amendment of pleadings-deadline: 2/17/26

Discovery cutoff (for *completion* of discovery): 3/10/26

Expert(s) - deadline for reports: 3/17/26 if any expert testimony will be presented.

Expert(s) - discovery cutoff (if different from above): 3/24/26 if any expert testimony will be presented.

Dispositive motions to be heard no later than: 5/12/26

Joint Status Report: 2/24/26

Continued status conference: 3/10/26 at 11:00 a.m.

Lodge Joint Proposed Pretrial Order: TBD

Pretrial conference: TBD

Deliver trial exhibits to other parties and chambers, including direct testimony by declaration unless excused: TBD

Trial commencement: TBD

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

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**Chapter 13**

**Debtor(s):**

Justin Thomas Jackson

Represented By  
Robert J Spitz

**Defendant(s):**

Justin Thomas Jackson

Represented By  
Robert J Spitz

**Plaintiff(s):**

Jennifer Walker

Represented By  
Daniel Medioni  
Stella A Havkin

**Trustee(s):**

Kathy A Dockery (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:24-14131 KS Bennett Enterprises**

**Chapter 7**

**#6.00** Cont'd hrg re: Chapter 7 trustee's motion for order authorizing substantive consolidation of (i) Mac Bennett Enterprises dba International Realty & Investments; (ii) 11215 South Western Ave LLC; (iii) 5200 Saint Andrews LLC; (iv) 142 West 94th St., LLC and (v) 9620 S. Figueroa St. LLC with debtor's estate  
fr. 7/8/25, 8/5/25, 9/23/25, 11/4/25

Docket 42

**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Cont'd to 1/20/26 per stipulation (dkt. 52)  
and order thereon**

**Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

KS Bennett Enterprises

Represented By  
Jeffrey Lee Costell

**Movant(s):**

Sam S Leslie (TR)

Represented By  
Toan B Chung

**Trustee(s):**

Sam S Leslie (TR)

Represented By  
Toan B Chung

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**2:25-13048 RD William Whittington**

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Adv#: 2:25-01320 Ross v. Whittington

**#7.00** Hrg re: Motion by RHM LAW LLP to Withdraw as Counsel to the Defendant

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 8, 12/16/25 at 11:00 a.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Defendant(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik  
M. Jonathan Hayes

**Movant(s):**

RHM LAW LLP

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Plaintiff(s):**

Adin Ross

Represented By  
Michael F Chekian

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Pro Se

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**Chapter 7**

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**#8.00** Cont'd status conference re: Complaint to determine dischargeability of debt (11 U.S.C. 523(a) and to deny discharge (11 U.S.C. 727))  
[First Amended complaint filed 10/2/2025]  
fr. 9/23/25, 10/21/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required by Plaintiff's counsel and Defendant/Debtor's present counsel, and by Defendant/Debtor if he wishes to contest any of the tentative rulings set forth below.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

This Court has reviewed the parties' joint status report (adv. dkt. 16) and the other filed documents and records in this adversary proceeding.

(a) Motion to withdraw as counsel to Defendant/Debtor (adv. dkt. 17),  
Order setting hearing (adv. dkt. 19)  
Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

**(2) Standard requirements**

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these

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issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited (adv. dkt. 16, p. 4, para. f.)

(b) Mediation

Neither party seeks mediation at this time (adv. dkt. 16, p. 3). The tentative ruling is not to order mediation on this Court's own motion.

(c) Deadlines

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 7/21/25.

Pursuant to LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B), plaintiff is directed to lodge a proposed order via LOU within 7 days after the status conference, attaching a copy of this tentative ruling or otherwise memorializing the following.

Joinder of parties/amendment of pleadings-deadline: 5/5/26

Discovery cutoff (for completion of discovery): 5/19/26

Expert(s) - deadline for reports: 5/26/26

Expert(s) - discovery cutoff (if different from above): 6/2/26

Dispositive motions to be heard no later than: 7/14/26

Joint Status Report: 3/10/26

Continued status conference: 3/24/26 at 11:00 a.m.

Lodge Joint Proposed Pretrial Order: TBD

Pretrial conference: TBD

Deliver trial exhibits to other parties and chambers, including direct testimony by declaration unless excused: TBD

Trial commencement: TBD

**Tentative Ruling for 10/21/25:**

Continue as set forth below, in view of the fact that no Answer or other responsive pleading has yet been filed to the First Amended Complaint. Appearances are not required on 10/21/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the



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courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

(1) Current issues

This Court has reviewed the parties' joint status report (adv. dkt. 12) and the other filed documents and records in this adversary proceeding and has no issues to raise *sua sponte* at this time.

(2) Standard requirements

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority

The tentative ruling is that there are no outstanding matters of (a) venue, (b) jurisdiction, or (c) this Bankruptcy Court's authority to enter final orders or judgment(s) in this nondischargeability/denial of discharge proceeding. See *generally Stern v. Marshall*, 131 S.Ct. 2594 (2011); *Wellness Int'l Network, Ltd. v. Sharif*, 135 S.Ct. 1932 (2015); *In re Deitz*, 760 F.3d 1038 (9th Cir. 2014) (authority to adjudicate nondischargeability encompasses authority to liquidate debt and enter final judgment). See *generally In re AWTR Liquidation, Inc.*, 548 B.R. 300 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 2016).

(b) Mediation

Neither party seeks mediation at this time (adv. dkt. 12, p. 3). The tentative ruling is not to order mediation on this Court's own motion.

(c) Deadlines

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 7/21/25.

The tentative ruling is to adopt the following deadlines and dates, and that no written order is required to memorialize the following.

Joinder of parties/amendment of pleadings-deadline: TBD

Discovery cutoff (for completion of discovery): TBD

Expert(s) - deadline for reports: TBD

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Expert(s) - discovery cutoff (if different from above): TBD

Dispositive motions to be heard no later than: TBD

Joint Status Report: 12/2/25

Continued status conference: 12/16/25 at 11:00 a.m.

Lodge Joint Proposed Pretrial Order: TBD

Pretrial conference: TBD

Deliver trial exhibits to other parties and chambers, including direct testimony by declaration unless excused: TBD

Trial commencement: TBD

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Defendant(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik  
M. Jonathan Hayes

**Plaintiff(s):**

Adin Ross

Represented By  
Michael F Chekian

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Pro Se

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Adv#: 2:25-01315 Kent v. Whittington

**#9.00** Hrg re: Motion by RHM LAW LLP to Withdraw as Counsel to the Defendant

Docket 20

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant. See Order (adv. dkt. 22, p. 2:8-9). Appearances required.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Defendant(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik  
M. Jonathan Hayes

**Plaintiff(s):**

Debra Kent

Represented By

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**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Pro Se

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Adv#: 2:25-01318 HFC Acceptance, LLC d/b/a Midway HFCA, LLC v. Whittington

**#10.00** Hrg re: Motion by RHM LAW LLP to Withdraw as Counsel to the Defendant

Docket 14

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant. See Order (adv. dkt. 16, p. 2:8-9). Appearances required.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Defendant(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Movant(s):**

RHM LAW LLP

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

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**Plaintiff(s):**

HFC Acceptance, LLC d/b/a

Represented By  
Brian J. Hembd

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Pro Se

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Adv#: 2:25-01319 Porsche Financial Services, Inc. dba Lamborghini F v. Whittington

**#11.00** Hrg re: Motion by RHM LAW LLP to Withdraw as Counsel to the Defendant

Docket 18

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant. See Order (adv. dkt. 20, p. 2:5-6). Appearances required.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Defendant(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Movant(s):**

RHM LAW LLP

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

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**Plaintiff(s):**

Porsche Financial Services, Inc. dba

Represented By  
Stacey A Miller

Porsche Leasing Ltd.

Represented By  
Stacey A Miller

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

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**#12.00** Hrg re: Motion by RHM LAW LLP to Withdraw as  
General Bankruptcy Counsel to the Debtor

Docket 96

**Tentative Ruling:**

Grant. See Order (dkt. 98, p. 2:4-6). Appearances required.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

RD William Whittington

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Movant(s):**

RHM LAW LLP

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

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**2:23-18208 Meir Siboni**

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Adv#: 2:24-01027 Siboni v. Menlo et al

**#13.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Complaint to Determine Priority Extent of Liens, Declaratory Relief and Recovery of Assets of the Estate: (1) Quiet Title; (2) Quiet Title; (3) Quiet Title; (4) Declaratory Relief (5) Cancellation of Instrument; (6) Cancellation of Instrument; (7) Cancellation of Instrument; (8) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; (9) Breach of Fiduciary Duty; (10) Concealment fr. 4/2/24, 4/9/24, 4/11/24, 6/4/24, 7/30/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 2/11/25, 4/22/25, 5/20/25, 07/15/25, 9/23/25, 10/21/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Conclude the status conference (no further continuances) and direct the Clerk of this Court to close this adversary proceeding, as set forth below.

Appearances are not required. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Analysis:

On 10/29/25 this Court issued a judgment (adv. dkt. 42) in favor of all but one of the Defendants on all but one of Plaintiff's claims, pursuant to a rabbinical arbitration award. The docket does not reflect any appeal, nor any post-judgment motions or other matters for this Court to address. As for the remaining claim and remaining Defendant, the tentative ruling is that, in view of this Court's dismissal of Debtor/Plaintiff's bankruptcy case in chief on 11/25/25 (Case No. 2:23-bk-18208-NB, dkt. 283), any further proceedings will

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take place in other *fora* under applicable nonbankruptcy law.

The tentative ruling is that after this hearing this Court will request and direct the Clerk's Office to close this proceeding in accordance with its standard procedures.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED.]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Meir Siboni

Represented By  
Thomas B Ure

**Defendant(s):**

Jonathan Menlo

Represented By  
Elsa M Horowitz  
Kevin Ronk

Frank Menlo

Represented By  
Paul P Young  
Kevin Ronk  
Nikko Salvatore Stevens

Menlo Trust U/T/L February 22,

Represented By  
Paul P Young  
Kevin Ronk  
Nikko Salvatore Stevens

Miracle Mile Properties, LP

Represented By  
Paul P Young  
Kevin Ronk  
Nikko Salvatore Stevens

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**Plaintiff(s):**

Meir Siboni

Represented By  
Thomas B Ure

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Adv#: 2:24-01083 Menlo et al v. Siboni

**#14.00** Cont'd status conference re: Complaint to Determine  
Non-Dischargeability of Debt  
fr. 6/4/24, 7/30/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 2/11/25,  
4/22/25, 5/20/25, 07/15/25, 9/23/25, 10/21/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below based on this Court's review of Plaintiff's latest unilateral status report (adv. dkt. 33). Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

Plaintiff's latest unilateral status report (adv. dkt. 33) notes that Defendant/Debtor's bankruptcy case in chief has been dismissed with a permanent bar to him being a debtor in bankruptcy, but requests a continuance to allow Plaintiff time to determine whether to proceed with mediation of this dispute or dismiss the outstanding claims. *Id.*, p. 4.

The tentative ruling is that there does not appear to be any prejudice in granting a short continuance in view of Plaintiff's recent tragedy, but the parties are directed to address in their next future status report whether this Court retains jurisdiction regarding mediation, or other matters in or connected to this nondischargeability adversary proceeding, in view of the dismissal of the underlying bankruptcy case.

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**(2) Standard requirements**

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

**(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority**

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited (see adv. dkt. 19).

**(b) Mediation**

This matter was assigned to mediation on 11/6/25. Adv. dkt. 31.

**(c) Deadlines**

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 3/25/24.

Pursuant to LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B), plaintiff is directed to lodge a proposed order via LOU within 7 days after the status conference, attaching a copy of this tentative ruling or otherwise memorializing the following.

Joint Status Report: 1/20/26.

Continued status conference: 2/10/26 at 11:00 a.m.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED.]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Meir Siboni

Represented By  
Thomas B Ure

**Defendant(s):**

Meir Siboni

Represented By  
Thomas B Ure

**Plaintiff(s):**

Franklin Menlo

Represented By  
Paul P Young  
Kevin Ronk

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Nikko Salvatore Stevens

Miracle Mile Properties, LP

Represented By

Paul P Young

Kevin Ronk

Nikko Salvatore Stevens

Franklin Menlo Trustee of the Menlo

Represented By

Paul P Young

Kevin Ronk

Nikko Salvatore Stevens

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**2:25-20320 MOUNTAIN VISTA HOLDINGS LLC**

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**#1.00 Status conference re: Chapter 11 case**

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**\*\*\* VACATED \*\*\* REASON: Order transferring case to Santa Ana  
Division entered 11/21/25. Dkt. 9.**

**Tentative Ruling:**

- NONE LISTED -

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

MOUNTAIN VISTA HOLDINGS

Represented By  
James Mortensen

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**#2.00** Hrg re: Motion to Approve Global Settlement by and Among  
Chapter 11 Trustee and Secured Creditors

Docket 181

**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 4,  
12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cinema Management Group, LLC

Represented By  
John D Monte

**Movant(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Represented By  
Jeffrey S Kwong  
Juliet Y. Oh  
David L. Neale  
Todd A. Frealy

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Represented By  
Jeffrey S Kwong  
Juliet Y. Oh  
David L. Neale  
Todd A. Frealy



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**#3.00** Hrg re: Motion for Entry of an Order (A) Authorizing Sale Of Substantially All Assets Of The Debtor, Fee And Clear Of Liens, Claims, Encumbrances And Interests; (B) Approving The Assumption And Assignment Of Executory Contracts; And (C) Approving Modified Bidding Procedures For Sale Of Substantially All Assets Of The Debtor

Docket 182

**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 4, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cinema Management Group, LLC

Represented By  
John D Monte

**Movant(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Represented By  
Jeffrey S Kwong  
Juliet Y. Oh  
David L. Neale  
Todd A. Frealy

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Represented By  
Jeffrey S Kwong  
Juliet Y. Oh  
David L. Neale  
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**#4.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
fr. 2/21/25, 3/4/25, 3/18/25, 4/8/25, 4/22/25, 5/20/25,  
6/17/25, 07/15/25, 8/19/25, 9/23/25, 10/21/25, 12/2/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant the Global Settlement Motion (dkt. 181) and, to the extent that Chapter 11 Trustee has received any qualified overbids, conduct an auction in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order (dkt. 149); otherwise, confirm the sale of the assets to Stalking Horse Bidder. Appearances required.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

(a) Motion to approve a global settlement agreement filed by the Chapter 11 Trustee ("Trustee") (dkt. 181, the "Global Settlement Motion"), Notice (dkt. 183), No opposition on file

Grant the Global Settlement Motion (dkt. 181).

(b) Bidding Procedures Order (dkt. 149), Sale Motion (dkt. 182), Notice of Sale Motion (dkt. 184), Notice of Sale of Estate Property (dkt. 185), Forester Decl. re: Good Faith (dkt. 192), No opposition on file

To the extent Trustee has received any qualified overbids, conduct an auction in accordance with the Bidding Procedures Order (dkt. 149), as modified per the modifications proposed by Trustee; otherwise, the tentative ruling is to confirm the sale of the assets to TPC Library Holdings, LLC ("Stalking Horse Bidder"). The tentative ruling is that the good faith finding (11 U.S.C. 363(m)) requires declaration(s) as set forth in the "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)), which should be

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submitted before the proposed order approving the sale is lodged.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Trustee is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 12/20/24, and was converted from Chapter 7 to Chapter 11 on 2/6/25 (dkt. 40).

- (a) Bar date: 4/18/25 (Bar Date Order (dkt. 93) timely served, dkt. 102)
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 60 (timely served, dkt. 64)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: TBD
- (d) Continued status conference: 2/24/25 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cinema Management Group, LLC

Represented By  
John D Monte

**Trustee(s):**

John P Pringle (TR)

Represented By  
Jeffrey S Kwong  
Juliet Y. Oh  
David L. Neale  
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**2:25-10593 Eugenio Alfredo Gonzalez**

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**#5.00** Hrg re: Motion to Extend Debtor's Exclusive Period to File and Obtain  
Acceptances of Debtor's Plan Under 11 U.S.C § 1121(d)

Docket 104

**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 5,  
12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Eugenio Alfredo Gonzalez

Represented By  
Leslie A Cohen

**Movant(s):**

Eugenio Alfredo Gonzalez

Represented By  
Leslie A Cohen

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**#6.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
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07/15/25, 9/23/25, 11/4/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Deny the second motion to extend exclusivity and continue the status conference, all as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**(1) Current issues**

**(a) Second motion to extend exclusivity period (dkt. 104), Opposition (dkt. 107, the "Opp."), Reply (dkt. 108)**

**(i) Background**

Debtor filed this chapter 11 case on 1/27/25. On 6/5/25, this Court extended Debtor's exclusive period to file a Plan from 5/27/25 to 11/25/25, and extended the exclusive period to solicit voting on his Plan from 7/27/25 to 1/23/26. Dkt. 81. Debtor now seeks a further 180-day extension of his exclusivity periods to allow more time for him to prosecute litigation and arbitration against his largest creditors, Tierra Holdings Co., LLC, QBN Capital, LLC, FEM Ventures, LLC, Benjamin Bequer, Leyda Bequer, and Bequer New Life LLC. A subset of those creditors – QBN Capital, LLC and FEM Ventures, LLC ("Opposing Creditors") – oppose any extension of exclusivity.

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(ii) Discussion

The tentative ruling is to deny any further extension of exclusivity. The tentative ruling is that Opposing Creditors are correct that Debtor's attempt to frame this case as "complex" misses the mark. As Opposing Creditors point out, "complexity" in this context "refers to operational or structural complexity – e.g., large corporate debtors, thousands of creditors, extensive business operations," not the pendency of litigation. Opp. (dkt. 107) p. 4:18–20. This case, which involves an individual debtor who has no employees, limited business operations, and a small set of liquidated judgment creditors, is not complex. See Opp. (dkt. 107) p. 4:21–27.

The tentative ruling is that Debtor's failure to provide sufficient evidence that he has engaged in meaningful negotiations with Opposing Creditors also weighs against any exclusivity extension. Opposing Creditors assert that they "remain entirely in the dark regarding plan structure, treatment of judgment claims, liquidation analysis, projected disposable income, or feasibility." Opp. (dkt. 107) p. 5:24–6:3. Debtor's attempt to brush off this issue by characterizing Opposing Creditors' concerns as a "conclusory assertion" overlooks that it is Debtor, who is seeking an exclusivity extension, who has the burden of showing that such an extension is justified. Reply (dkt. 108) p. 5:16–17.

Debtor has already been provided one exclusivity extension. The tentative ruling is that he has not shown that he is entitled to any additional extension.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Opposing Creditors are directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 1/27/25.

- (a) Bar date: 4/30/25 (timely served, dkt. 47).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 3 (served on creditors, dkt. 9)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: TBD (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
- (d) Continued status conference: 1/20/26 at 1:00 p.m. (this Court previously set a continued status conference for 2/10/26 at 2:00 p.m., but is advancing the date of the status conference given

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that applications for compensation filed by the estate's professionals have been self-calendared for the advanced date). No written status report required.

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**Debtor(s):**

Eugenio Alfredo Gonzalez

Represented By  
Leslie A Cohen

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**#7.00** Hrg re: Combined hearing on (A) Final approval of disclosures and (B) Plan Confirmation

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 8, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Raymond Martin Camarillo

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama



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10/21/25, 11/4/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Confirm the Plan (dkt. 111); approve the Disclosure Statement (dkt. 112) on a final basis, and continue the Status Conference as set forth below, with a caution to Debtor's counsel about the ballot summary. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

(1) Current issues

(a) Second amended plan (dkt. 111, "Plan"), Second amended disclosure statement (dkt. 112, "D/S"), Order setting confirmation hearing (dkt. 113), Proof of service of voting package (dkt. 117), ballot summary (dkt. 118 - filed 12/12/25 but due 12/9/25 per order setting this hearing, dkt. 113)

Debtor's ballot summary is "a day late and a dollar short" - actually three days late, which has impaired this Court's preparation of this tentative ruling, and hundreds of thousands of dollars short, in the sense that the only ballots attached to the ballot summary are unsigned. True, both ballots are for the same creditor (which holds a secured claim and a deficiency claim), and the stipulation with that creditor provides that the creditor "shall provide a ballot voting in favor of [a plan that is consistent with the stipulation]." Stip., para. 16, p. 6:14-17 (Attachment 1 to Plan) (dkt. 111 at PDF p. 17 of 19). But

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(i) agreeing to sign is not the same as signing (although, because there is no written objection, it appears that the creditor does indeed consent to confirmation), and (ii) Debtor's ballot summary says nothing about the stipulation, leaving it for any parties in interest and/or this Court to figure out.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, the tentative ruling is to confirm the Plan based on the lack of written objection by any party in interest, and further based on the stipulation attached to the Plan. In addition, the tentative ruling is to approve the D/S on a final basis.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Debtor is directed to lodge two proposed order(s): (A) one order confirming the Plan that includes the language required by LBR 3020-1(e) and that sets a post-confirmation status conference as set forth below; and (B) a second order approving the D/S on a final basis. The confirmation order must include a provision directing Debtor to file, and serve on the U.S. Trustee, a Notice of Effective Date, within two days after the occurrence thereof. The confirmation order must include as an exhibit an attached copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

Note: Debtor's counsel is cautioned that the foregoing is not an isolated incident (similar or more serious incidents have occurred in other cases), and it is inappropriate to shift the burden to other parties and/or this Court to make up for a lack of timely and sufficient papers filed by Debtor. If this pattern continues it might exhibit a lack of sufficient professionalism to justify the hourly rates that counsel normally charges, or might exhibit a need for supplemental mentoring, training, or education, or possibly other remedies. This Court hopes and trusts that those things will not be necessary.

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 4/14/25.

(a) Bar date: 8/18/25 (dkt. 53) (timely served, dkt. 54)

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 6 (timely served, dkt. 9)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement (dkt. 111 & 112): See part "(1)(a)," above.

(d) Continued status conference: 3/24/26 at 1:00 p.m., with a post-

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confirmation status report due on 3/10/26.

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**Debtor(s):**

Raymond Martin Camarillo

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**#9.00** Hrg re: Motion for relief from automatic stay [PP]

ASHER AMUR EQUIPMENT FINANCE  
vs  
DEBTOR

Docket 42

**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar no. 10, 12/16/25).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Supra National Express, Inc.

Represented By  
Ron Bender  
Todd M Arnold  
Robert Carrasco

**Movant(s):**

Asher Amur Equipment Finance

Represented By  
Raymond A Policar

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fr. 11/4/25, 12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant relief from the automatic stay and continue the status conference, as provided below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Motion for relief from the automatic stay filed by Asher Amur Equipment Finance ("Movant") (dkt. 38, amended by dkt. 42, "R/S Motion"), Debtor's limited non-opposition (dkt. 60), no reply on file

On the one hand, Movant's proof of service (dkt. 42, p. 12) does not reflect service on the creditors included on the list filed pursuant to Rule 1007(d) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.) (*i.e.*, the twenty largest unsecured creditors) as required by Rule 4001(a)(1) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.). Normally that lack of adequate service would require either denial or continuance of the R/S Motion.

On the other hand, Debtor's limited non-opposition makes this matter more in the nature of a compromise, and this Court has discretion to approve limited service of compromises. That appears appropriate given (i) the prepetition surrender of the vehicles, and consequent lack of prejudice to other creditors and possible inapplicability of the automatic stay, (ii) the limited relief at issue (*i.e.*, Movant exercising remedies vis-a-vis the vehicles), and (iii) the potential prejudice to the estate if remedies were delayed (any

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deficiency claim might be increased). See 4001(d)(5) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.). Movant is cautioned, however, that any future motions must be served in accordance with the applicable rules.

Accordingly, the tentative ruling is to terminate the automatic stay under 11 U.S.C. 362(d)(1) and (2) and waive the 14-day stay of Rule 4001(a)(4) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Movant is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 11/28/25.

(a) Bar date: 2/24/26 (dkt. 61) (timely served, dkt. 67)

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 3 (timely served, dkt.22)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 3/17/26 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: 1/6/25 at 1:00 p.m., concurrent with other matters. No written status report is required.

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**Debtor(s):**

Supra National Express, Inc.

Represented By  
Ron Bender  
Todd M Arnold  
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**2:25-14827 Dog Robber Inc.**

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**#11.00** Hrg re: Motion for an order approving stipulation between debtor, Dog Robber, Inc, and Raymond and Cindy Chan, Co Trustees of the Chan Family Trust, assuming lease for restaurant space located at 190 S. State College Blvd, Brea, CA 92821

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 12, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Dog Robber Inc.

Represented By

Richard L. Sturdevant  
Andy C Warshaw

**Movant(s):**

Dog Robber Inc.

Represented By

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11/4/25, 12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant Debtor's motion to approve the stipulated assumption of a lease for one of its restaurant locations, and continue the status conference, all as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Motion to approve stipulation to assume lease (dkt. 156), Notice (dkt. 157), No opposition on file  
Grant.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Debtor is directed to lodge a proposed order(s) on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)).

(2) Dates/procedures. The Dog Robber case was filed on 6/6/25; Benny & Marys on 6/6/25; Mimosas on 6/12/25.

- (a) Bar date: Dog Robber 9/15/25 (per Order dkt. 55; timely served dkt. 59); Benny & Marys 8/15/25 (per General Order 20-01); Mimosas 8/21/25 (*id.*).
- (b) Procedures Order: Dog Robber dkt. 4 (timely served, dkt. 6); Benny

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& Marys dkt. 3 (timely served, dkt. 5); Mimosas dkt. 6 (timely served, dkt. 8)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: timely filed (dkt. 136) and served (dkt. 139).

(d) Continued status conferences (all related cases): 2/10/26 at 1:00 p.m., concurrent with combined hearing on final approval of disclosures and plan confirmation (see dkt. 144). No written status report required.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Dog Robber Inc.

Represented By

Richard L. Sturdevant

Andy C Warshaw

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**2:25-14830 Benny and Marys Irvine, LLC**

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10/7/25, 11/4/25, 12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference in Dog Robber Inc.  
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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Benny and Marys Irvine, LLC

Represented By  
Christopher A, Minier  
David M Goodrich

**Trustee(s):**

Mark M Sharf (TR)

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**2:25-14956 MIMOSAS A CALI LIFE LLC**

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**Tentative Ruling:**

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

MIMOSAS A CALI LIFE LLC

Represented By  
David M Goodrich

**Trustee(s):**

Susan K Seflin (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:23-16758 Clark Edward Parker**

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Conclude the status conference (no further continuances) and request and direct the Clerk's Office to close this case. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

This Court is not aware of any remaining issues to be addressed at this time so the tentative ruling is to direct the Clerk's Office to close this case.

**(2) Dates/deadlines.** This case was filed on 10/16/23. On 1/14/25, this Court issued an order granting Debtor's motion to dismiss this case (dkt. 153). On 7/23/25, the case was reopened. Dkt. 161. The tentative ruling is to conclude the status conference (no further continuances).

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**Debtor(s):**

Clark Edward Parker

Represented By

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**2:23-12863 Energy Plus Solar Inc.**

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required by Debtor and Subchapter V Trustee.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

(1) Current issues

This Court has reviewed the post-confirmation status report (dkt. 450) filed on 12/2/25 and the other documents on file in Debtor's bankruptcy case-in-chief.

(a) Delinquency in plan payments

At the 9/23/25 status conference (see tentative ruling, reproduced in full below), this Court addressed the issue of Debtor's delinquency in plan payments owed to Subchapter V Trustee, who holds an administrative claim of \$12,801.00. Debtor has paid \$1,300.00 toward that claim, meaning that Debtor is delinquent in the amount of \$11,501.00. Status Report (dkt. 450) p. 2:27–28. In the Status Report filed on 12/2/25, Debtor represents that it “intends to make a \$1,000.00 payment to the Subchapter V Trustee by December 3, 2025” as well as payments to the IRS and FTB; the record does not reflect whether these payments have been made. Status Report (dkt. 450) p. 8:28–9:1. Debtor is also delinquent in its payments to other creditors, and Debtor has not made any projections about those payments. Status

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Report (dkt. 450) p. 3:13–4:18.

Debtor and Subchapter V Trustee are directed to appear to address what remedies, if any, might be appropriate to address the delinquency in plan payments. All other parties in interest are invited, but not required, to do likewise.

(2) Dates/procedures. This Subchapter V case was filed on 5/9/23.

(a) Bar date: 7/18/23 per General Order 20-01 and notice (dkt. 16).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 5 (timely served, dkt. 12)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement (dkt. 90): Plan confirmed on 8/13/24.

See Order (dkt. 374).

(d) Continued post-confirmation status conference: 2/24/26 at 1:00 p.m. Written status report updating Debtor's performance under the Plan due by 2/10/26.

**Tentative Ruling for 9/23/25:**

Appearances required by Debtor and Subchapter V Trustee.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

(1) Current issues

This Court has reviewed the post-confirmation status report (dkt. 449) filed on 9/9/25 and the other documents on file in Debtor's bankruptcy case-in-chief.

(a) Delinquency in plan payments

Debtor is delinquent in payments owed to Subchapter V Trustee, who holds an administrative claim of \$12,801.00. Debtor has paid \$300.00 toward that claim, meaning that Debtor is delinquent in the amount of \$12,501.00. Status Report (dkt. 449) p. 2:27–28. Debtor is also delinquent in its payments to a priority creditor and nonpriority unsecured creditors. Status Report (dkt. 449) p. 4:17–24.

Subchapter V Trustee is directed to appear to address what remedies,



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if any, might be appropriate to address the delinquency in plan payments.

(2) Dates/procedures. This Subchapter V case was filed on 5/9/23.

(a) Bar date: 7/18/23 per General Order 20-01 and notice (dkt. 16).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 5 (timely served, dkt. 12)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement (dkt. 90): Plan confirmed on 8/13/24.  
See Order (dkt. 374).

(d) Continued post-confirmation status conference: 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m. Written status report updating Debtor's performance under the Plan due by 12/2/25.

**Tentative Ruling for 7/15/25:**

Continue as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 7/15/25.

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(1) Current issues

This Court has reviewed the post-confirmation status report (dkt. 440) filed on 7/1/25 and the other documents on file in Debtor's bankruptcy case-in-chief.

(a) Delinquency in plan payments

Debtor is delinquent on the vast majority of payments owed under the plan. Among other things, it has not made any payments to Subchapter V Trustee, who holds an administrative claim of \$12,801.00, and has not made any payments to any of the general unsecured creditors. Status Report (dkt. 440) p. 2:11–4:28.

Debtor's failure to make any payments to Subchapter V Trustee is of particular concern to this Court. Under the Plan, Subchapter V Trustee's fees "will be due at the time the fee application is approved, unless the parties agree to a different payment arrangement." Plan (dkt. 90) ¶ 3.02 (p. 2). The Plan was confirmed on 8/13/24 (dkt. 374), and an order allowing and directing payment of Subchapter V Trustee's fees was issued on 10/10/24 (dkt. 418).

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Thus, more than nine months have elapsed without any payments having been made to Subchapter V Trustee.

Debtor represents that it “intends to catch up on arrears to the Subchapter V Trustee and American Express [Debtor’s largest general unsecured creditor] within ninety ... days.” Status Report (dkt. 440) p. 5:10–14. But Debtor offers no explanation as to how this will be accomplished.

Notwithstanding all of the foregoing, this Court takes judicial notice of the enormous amount of time and resources that have been required for Debtor to respond to ongoing, frivolous litigation by creditor Ms. Klausen. Debtor recently prevailed in all matters on appeal before the District Court, and Ms. Klausen has now filed notices of appeal to the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit. Based on these things, and the other matters reflected on the docket and in the history of this case, (i) it appears that Debtor and its principal have had to devote inordinate time and money to litigation instead of generating revenues and making distributions under the Plan, (ii) this Court is hopeful that briefing by Debtor before the Ninth Circuit will not be as time consuming or expensive as the initial appellate briefing before the District Court, and (iii) this Court notes the absence of any creditor’s or Trustee’s pursuit of remedies under the Plan based on Debtor’s delayed payments.

All of that said, this Court anticipates that if Debtor has not made substantial progress by the continued status conference then this Court may impose certain remedies either at the request of Trustee or other parties in interest, or else *sua sponte*.

(2) Dates/procedures. This Subchapter V case was filed on 5/9/23.

- (a) Bar date: 7/18/23 per General Order 20-01 and notice (dkt. 16).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 5 (timely served, dkt. 12)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement (dkt. 90): Plan confirmed on 8/13/24.  
See Order (dkt. 374).
- (d) Continued post-confirmation status conference: 9/23/25 at 1:00 p.m. Written status report detailing Debtor’s performance under the Plan due by 9/9/25.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULINGS OMITTED (for some key issues, see Orders re sanctions (dkt. 226, 268); Order denying Ms. Klausen’s motion for attorney fees (dkt. 325, 330); Plan (dkt. 90) and Confirmation Order (dkt. 374); order re attorney fees (dkt. 370)]**

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**Party Information**

**Debtor(s):**

Energy Plus Solar Inc.

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):**

John-Patrick McGinnis Fritz (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:24-19904 Georgia K Bode**

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**#17.00** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 11 case  
fr. 1/7/25, 2/25/25, 4/8/25, 5/6/25, 6/24/25, 8/5/25,  
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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

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**(1) Current issues**

**(a) Chapter 11 plan of reorganization (dkt. 140, "Plan")**

This Court has reviewed Debtor's Plan. The tentative ruling is not to take any action with respect to the Plan at this time and to address at the continued status conference (see Part "(2)(d)" below), whether there has been any opposition to Debtor's third motion to extend exclusivity (dkt. 143) and whether to address any plan related issues on a preliminary basis, or set a briefing schedule, or defer any Plan related matters under after the conclusion of mediation.

**(b) Missing disclosure statement**

This Court directed Debtor to file a disclosure statement by 11/26/25 but, as of the preparation of this tentative ruling, no disclosure statement has been filed. This Court anticipates addressing Debtor's failure to file a

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disclosure statement at the continued hearing.

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 12/4/24.

(a) Bar date: 4/11/25 (dkt. 33) (timely served, dkt. 36).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 6 (not timely served, but served soon after deadline, which gives notice of matters therein, dkt. 10)

(c) Plan (dkt. 140)/Disclosure Statement (not filed by 11/26/25 deadline): See above.

(d) Continued status conference: 1/6/26 at 1:00 p.m., concurrent with other matters. No written status report required.

**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Set a trial date and related deadlines; grant the motion to release funds; grant the budget motion on a final basis; reaffirm the deadline to file a plan and disclosure statement, and continue this status conference, all as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 11/18/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Turnover Action (Adv. No. 2:24-ap-01273-NB); Joint Status Report (adv. dkt. 102)

The tentative ruling is to adopt Judgment Creditor Leon's proposed trial schedule, with slight modifications as follows: trial commencing at 9:00 a.m. on Wednesday 3/25/26 and continuing until 4:00 p.m. (and thereafter for the immediately following day(s) as necessary); expert reports 2/25/26; witness and exhibit lists 2/11/26. The parties are directed to the "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)) for trial procedures, including that unless otherwise ordered direct testimony is by declaration subject to live cross-examination. The tentative ruling is to continue the status conference in this adversary proceeding to be concurrent with the trial.

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(b) Motion to release additional funds (adv. dkt. 100); limited Opposition of Judgment Creditor Leon (adv. dkt. 103); no reply on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling

The tentative ruling is to overrule the limited opposition, grant the motion, and authorize disbursements of \$50,000.00 from the "GB IRA" and \$150,000.00 from the "WB IRA" (as those terms are defined in the motion papers). This Court recognizes that both parties are in very unenviable situations. Although Defendant/Judgment Creditor Leon's medical and financial situation is very unpleasant, that situation would not be helped by making Plaintiff/Debtor's situation more unpleasant than it already is. Plaintiff/Debtor has demonstrated a sufficiently urgent need for the funds at issue, including the current low balance in her DIP account. In addition, Plaintiff/Debtor has demonstrated a strong likelihood of an ability to exempt at least a substantial portion of the funds that she has claimed as exempt.

(c) Budget motion (dkt. 31), Opposition of Judgment Creditor (dkt. 42), Notice of hearing (dkt. 46), Debtor's reply (dkt. 49), Order granting budget motion in part (dkt. 54)

The tentative ruling is to grant the budget motion on a final basis, on the same terms and conditions as set forth in this Court's interim order (dkt. 54). Such final approval will be without prejudice to seeking adjustment of any recurring expenditures out of non-exempt property of the bankruptcy estate based on changed circumstances including any judgment in the above-referenced adversary proceeding.

(d) Plan/Disclosure Statement

The tentative ruling is that, although the pending litigation and mediation with Judgment Creditor Leon may alter the dollar amount and sources of payment for this claim, the filing of a proposed plan should be useful for that mediation, litigation, and this bankruptcy case generally, as at least a starting point for negotiations and litigation over possible means of paying whatever disputed claim ultimately may be allowed. Accordingly, the tentative ruling is not to alter the deadline for filing (NOT serving, except on Judgment Creditor Leon) a proposed plan and proposed disclosure statement.

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(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 12/4/24.

(a) Bar date: 4/11/25 (dkt. 33) (timely served, dkt. 36).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 6 (not timely served, but served soon after deadline, which gives notice of matters therein, dkt. 10)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 11/26/25 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Georgia K Bode

Represented By

David B Zolkin

Sean A OKeefe

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**2:25-19049 Hardwood Restaurant Holdings, LLC**

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**#18.00** Hrg re: Application for order authorizing debtor to employ Michael Jay Berger as General Bankruptcy Counsel

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 18.10, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Hardwood Restaurant Holdings,

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

**Movant(s):**

Hardwood Restaurant Holdings,

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger  
Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):**

Arturo Cisneros (TR)

Pro Se



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**#18.10** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
fr. 10/21/25, 11/4/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required by Debtor's proposed general bankruptcy counsel.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

(1) Current issues

(a) Debtor's application to employ the Law Offices of Michael Jay Berger (the "Berger Firm") as its general bankruptcy counsel (dkt. 46–47, the "Employment Application"); Declaration of non-response (dkt. 51); Order setting hearing on Employment Application (dkt. 52)

Debtor's proposed general bankruptcy counsel, the Berger Firm, is directed to appear to address the issues set forth in the Order Setting Hearing on Employment Application (dkt. 52).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 10/10/25.

- (a) Bar date: 12/19/25 per General Order 20-01 (70 days after petition date in Subchapter V cases) (DO NOT SERVE any notice: one has already been sent, dkt. 16).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 2 (timely served, dkt. 6).
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 90 days after the petition date (per 11 U.S.C. 1189(b)) (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
- (d) Continued status conference: 2/10/26 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Hardwood Restaurant Holdings,

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):**

Arturo Cisneros (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:25-18336 Sunset Fitness, LLC**

**Chapter 11**

**#19.00** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 11 case  
fr. 9/26/25, 10/21/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**(1) Current issues**

This Court has no issues to raise *sua sponte* at this time. This Court anticipates reviewing any proposed plan Debtor files by the 12/18/25 deadline and addressing at the continued status conference whether to authorize Debtor to distribute the plan for consideration by creditors or take other action.

**(2) Dates/procedures.** This Subchapter V case was filed on 9/19/25.

(a) Bar date: 11/28/25 per General Order 20-01 (70 days after petition date in Subchapter V cases) (DO NOT SERVE any notice: one has already been sent, see dkt. 29).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 3 (timely served, dkt. 20)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 90 days after the petition date (per 11 U.S.C. 1189(b)) (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: 1/6/26 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Sunset Fitness, LLC

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):**

Moriah Douglas Flahaut (TR)

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**2:25-18746 Completely Concrete Structures Inc.**

**Chapter 11**

**#20.00** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
fr. 10/7/25, 10/10/25, 11/4/25, 12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required by Debtor's new counsel, if retained, or alternatively by Debtor's principal.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

(1) Current issues

(a) Future of this case

If new counsel has not been retained, Debtor's principal is directed to appear to address how Debtor intends to proceed; whether Debtor has cured any delinquent adequate protection payments owing to the SBA (and any other creditor(s) entitled to adequate protection); and whether this case should be dismissed or converted to chapter 7, or if instead this status conference should be continued.

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 10/1/25.

(a) Bar date: 1/6/26 (dkt. 61) (timely served, dkt. 63)

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 4 (timely served, dkt. 39)

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 1/29/26 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: *if* this case is not dismissed or converted, the tentative ruling is to continue this status conference to 2/10/26 at 1:00 p.m. *Brief* written status report due 1/20/26.

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**Party Information**

**Debtor(s):**

Completely Concrete Structures Inc.

Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

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**2:23-14528 Brian D Witzer**

**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:23-01445 Pravati Credit Fund III, LP v. Witzer

**#21.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Complaint for Determination of Nondischargeability of Debt Pursuant to Section 523(a)(2)(A) & (B) and Section 523(a)(4)  
fr. 1/2/24, 5/7/24, 6/26/24, 8/6/24, 10/08/24, 11/5/24, 12/3/24, 1/21/25, 3/18/25, 6/17/25, 6/23/25, 7/23/25, 7/25/25, 7/29/25, 10/7/25, 11/4/25, 12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below to address any post-judgment matters.

Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**(1) Current issues**

This Court will be issuing a memorandum decision prior to this hearing.

**(2) Standard requirements**

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

**(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority**

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited (adv. dkt. 5, 13, 21).

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(b) Mediation [N/A]

(c) Deadlines

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 10/23/23. Trial took place on 7/23/25, 7/25/25 and 7/29/25 and the matter was taken under submission. The tentative ruling is to continue the status conference to 2/10/26 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report is required.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Brian D Witzer

Represented By  
David S Hagen  
Michael S Kogan

**Defendant(s):**

Brian D Witzer

Represented By  
Michael S Kogan

**Plaintiff(s):**

Pravati Credit Fund III, LP

Represented By  
Jennifer Witherell Crastz  
Christopher Crowell

**Trustee(s):**

Sam S Leslie (TR)

Represented By  
Jeremy Faith  
Jonathan Serrano



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**2:24-19131 Kyung Jik Lee**

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**#22.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Post confirmation  
fr. 12/3/24, 1/7/25, 1/21/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 8/5/25, 9/9/25,  
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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue the post-confirmation status conference as set forth below.  
Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the  
tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at  
[www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For  
ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the  
posted tentative rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

The Court has reviewed the documents and records on file in Debtor's  
bankruptcy case-in-chief, and has no issues to raise *sua sponte*. The  
tentative ruling is to continue the status conference, as set forth in part "(2)  
(d)," below, to provide Debtor additional time to file the motion referenced in a  
prior status report, and/or any other appropriate papers to conclude this case.  
See 11/17/25 Status Report (dkt. 107) p. 3:15–20.

**(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 11/6/24.**

- (a) Bar date: 1/15/25 (dkt. 33).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 4 (timely served, dkt. 10)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: First Amended Plan (dkt. 70) confirmed  
on 4/23/25 (dkt. 81).
- (d) Post-confirmation status conference: 2/10/26 at 1:00 p.m. No  
written post-confirmation status report required.

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Kyung Jik Lee

Represented By  
Matthew D. Resnik  
Roksana D. Moradi-Brovia

**Trustee(s):**

Moriah Douglas Flahaut (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:24-12614 Boisson Inc.**

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**#23.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Post Confirmation  
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12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant Debtor's motion for a final decree and order closing this case (dkt. 253 & 277) and conclude the status conference (no further continuance) as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Motion for entry of final decree and order closing case (dkt. 253, "Motion for Final Decree"), Notice of hearing (dkt. 277), no opposition on file Grant.

Proposed orders: Unless otherwise ordered, Debtor is directed to lodge proposed orders on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date and attach a copy of this tentative ruling (including the 12/2/25 tentative ruling reproduced below), thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling. See LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B).

(2) Dates/deadlines

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This subchapter V case was filed on 4/4/24, and this Court confirmed a plan on 8/29/24 (dkt. 185). The tentative ruling is to conclude the status conference (no further continuance).

**Tentative Ruling for 12/2/25:**

Continue the status conference and set an optional **deadline of 12/4/25** for Debtor to (x) file and serve on all creditors via U.S. mail a notice setting its motion for entry of a final decree (dkt. 253), if Debtor wishes to have such a motion heard at the same date and time as the continued status conference (so as to be concluded before the end of the calendar year), and with a deadline of 12/11/25 at noon for any opposition papers and any reply permitted orally at the hearing, and (y) file a proof of service, as set forth below. Alternatively, Debtor can elect to file such a motion on regular notice. Appearances are not required on 12/2/25.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted Tentative Rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

**(a) Motion for entry of final decree and order closing case (dkt. 253, "Motion for Final Decree")**

Debtor filed the Motion for Final Decree in March 2025 but, before Debtor lodged a proposed order on the motion, this Court notified Debtor at a status conference on 4/8/25 at 1:00 p.m. that it was not inclined to grant the motion until the then outstanding dispute with CalRecycle dispute was resolved.

That dispute has now been resolved, so it appears appropriate to direct Debtor to re-notice the motion for hearing on shortened notice pursuant to 9006(c) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.), as set forth at the start of this tentative ruling.

**(2) Dates/deadlines**

This subchapter V case was filed on 4/4/24, and this Court confirmed a plan on 8/29/24 (dkt. 185). The tentative ruling is to continue this status conference to 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report is required.

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Boisson Inc.

Represented By  
Ron Bender  
Todd M Arnold

**Trustee(s):**

Caroline Renee Djang (TR)

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**#24.00** Hrg re: Motion in Chapter 11 case for entry of a Final Decree and Order Closing

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 23, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Boisson Inc.

Represented By  
Ron Bender  
Todd M Arnold

**Movant(s):**

Boisson Inc.

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**Trustee(s):**

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**2:22-13069 George Gordon Strong, III**

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Adv#: 2:24-01189 Vosicher v. Strong, III

**#25.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Complaint to Determine Non-Dischargeability of Debt Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 523(a)(4) and 523(a)(6) fr. 9/9/25, 9/24/25, 9/25/25, 10/21/25, 12/2/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below to address any post-judgment matters.

Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

This Court will be issuing a memorandum decision prior to this hearing.

(2) Standard requirements

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited. See Answer (adv. dkt. 4) at ¶ 1 (p. 1:1) (admitting all the Complaint's allegations as to venue, jurisdiction, and authority).

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**(b) Mediation [N/A]**

Prior mediation on 2/19/25 was unsuccessful. See Order (adv. dkt. 10) and Status Report (adv. dkt. 12) ¶ E(2) (p. 3). No further mediation is being ordered at this time.

**(c) Deadlines**

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 7/29/24. Trial took place on 9/24/25 and 9/25/25 and the matter is under submission. The tentative ruling is to continue the status conference to 2/10/26 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report is required.

**[PRIOR TENTATIVE RULING(S) OMITTED]**

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

George Gordon Strong III

Represented By  
Alan W Forsley

**Defendant(s):**

George Gordon Strong III

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Alan W Forsley

**Plaintiff(s):**

David Vosicher

Represented By  
Stella A Havkin

**Trustee(s):**

John J Menchaca (TR)

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**#26.00** Cont'd hrg re: Motion in Individual Ch 11 Case for Order Approving A Budget For the Use of The Debtor's Cash and PostPetition Income fr. 11/4/25

Docket 13

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 27, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

**Tentative Ruling for 11/4/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 2, 11/4/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Alireza Ashraf

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

**Joint Debtor(s):**

Maryam Yeganhneh

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

**Movant(s):**

Alireza Ashraf

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

Maryam Yeganhneh

Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

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**#27.00** Cont'd status conference re: Chapter 11 case  
fr. 11/4/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required **in person (not via video or telephone)** by counsel for Debtors.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

(a) Amended budget motion (dkt. 26), Opposition papers of Poppy Bank ("Secured Creditor") (dkt. 27-29), no reply on file

There is no tentative ruling. Debtor's counsel is directed to appear in person to address the issues raised by Secured Creditor and why no reply papers were filed by the 12/9/25 deadline.

**(b) Lack of service of order setting bar date**

This Court's order (dkt. 20) setting a claims bar date in this case directed Debtors to serve a copy of the order on all creditors and file a proof of service by 11/10/25 but, as of the preparation of this tentative ruling, no proof of service is on file. Why not?

The tentative ruling is to (x) set a new bar date (see Part "(2)(a)" below) and a new deadline to file a plan and disclosure statement (see Part "(2)(c)", and (z) this Court will issue an amended order after the status conference to reflect the new bar date.

The tentative ruling is also that Debtors and their counsel are cautioned not to miss the deadline to serve the amended bar date order, or

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any other deadlines ordered by this Court, in future or this Court may impose sanctions or other adverse consequences.

(c) Lack of attention to detail and failure to comply with Court orders

The tentative ruling is also to direct Debtors' counsel to appear *in person* to address why this Court should not impose a \$500.00 sanction against her or other adverse consequences in view of counsel's failure to timely serve the procedures order or bar date order by the deadlines initially set by this Court, and general lack of attention to detail in this case.

In addition to the issues detailed in this Court's adopted tentative ruling for 11/4/25 (reproduced below), the following is a brief list of examples of counsel's apparent lack of attention to detail that raise concerns that papers filed in this case are incomplete and/or inaccurate. Those examples include:

(i) Service of procedures order

This Court's adopted tentative ruling for 11/4/25 (see Part (1)(d), reproduced below) directed Debtors to serve a copy of the procedures order on all creditors and to inform all parties in interest that -

Debtors failed to serve the Procedures Order on all parties in interest as directed by the Bankruptcy Court, which may have prejudiced some parties. The Bankruptcy Court has directed Debtors to serve this Notice, with a copy of the Procedures Order, on all parties in interest, both to inform all parties of the procedures in the Procedures Order and so that any party who was prejudiced by the lack of earlier service has an opportunity to seek any appropriate relief.

Notwithstanding this Court's clear instructions, the language set forth in the notice of this status conference (which attaches the Procedures Order) changes the second sentence of to say "If you are a party who was prejudiced by the lack of earlier service, has [sic] an opportunity to seek any appropriate relief." Dkt. 21, p. 2:1-4.

(ii) Amended Bankruptcy Schedules I & J (dkt. 25)

Amended Bankruptcy Schedule I still does not include an attached statement for each rental property and business showing gross receipts, ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income (as required by that form and previously ordered by this Court). Dkt. 25, PDF p. 5. True, that information is attached to Debtor's amended budget (dkt. 26, PDF pp. 9-10), but why is it not also attached to Amended Bankruptcy

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Schedule I?

Additionally, Bankruptcy Schedule I, line 8a, should reflect Debtors' net income from their rental property and Benz N Beamers, rather than their gross income (dkt. 25, PDF pp. 5-6), which would eliminate the need to list gross expenses for the rental property and Benz N Beamers on Bankruptcy Schedule J. *Id.*, PDF p. 8. True, Debtors included an attachment to Bankruptcy Schedule I (*id.*, PDF p. 6) that includes gross income and expenses for Debtors' rental property and Benz N Beamers', but that requires creditors and this Court to "do the math" rather than Debtors just following the instructions in the form.

(iii) Conclusion

This Court recognizes that none of the foregoing examples are particularly problematic in isolation. But, the cumulative effect of these things is that creditors and this Court cannot know whether Debtors' disclosures are complete and reliable and raises concerns about whether Debtors can be relied upon to act as fiduciaries for the benefit of creditors.

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 10/1/25.

- (a) Amended Bar date: 2/27/26 (DO NOT SERVE notice yet - court will prepare an order after the status conference).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 6 (no proof of service on file)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 3/17/26 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
- (d) Continued status conference: 1/20/26 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

**Tentative Ruling for 11/4/25:**

Appearances required by counsel for Debtor and by Debtors themselves. The tentative ruling is to grant the cash collateral motion, set a **deadline of 11/14/25** for Debtors to cure several issues as set forth below, and continue the hearing on the budget motion and the status conference, all as set forth below.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the

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(1) Current issues

(a) Cash collateral motion (dkt. 12), no opposition on file

Grant subject to the conditions set forth in the tentative ruling for calendar no. 1 on today's calendar (11/4/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

(b) Budget motion (dkt. 13)

The tentative ruling is that, no later than the deadline set forth at the start of this tentative ruling, Debtors must file and serve an amended budget motion, together with whatever briefing and declaration(s) are necessary or appropriate to address the following issues.

Debtors disclose a 100% ownership interest in Benz N Beamers, Inc., (dkt. 1, PDF p. 23) but Debtors' budget motion does not disclose any income or expenses for that company, apart from Debtors' employment income, despite the requirement in the "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)) (the "Procedures") that debtors provide a breakdown of the income and expenses for any business(es).

The tentative ruling is that Debtors' counsel should amend the budget motion to add the missing information. That is critical because otherwise creditors (and this Court) have no way of knowing if, for example, Benz N Beamers is paying exorbitant salaries to insiders (or, alternatively, underpaying Debtors to reduce their reported income), or paying debts that are guaranteed by the Debtors while ignoring other debts, or other things that should be disclosed.

The lack of disclosure is heightened because Debtors disclose that Benz N Beamers leases a portion of their rental property (see dkt. 16, p. 8) so it is unclear whether, for example, Debtors are unintentionally or intentionally charging below market rate rent as a way of reducing their reported income.

To be clear, this Court makes no presumption that Debtors are actually engaging in any improper transactions. The point is only that, without disclosure, there is no way to know.

(c) Inaccurate and/or incomplete Bankruptcy Schedule I (dkt. 1, PDF pp. 49-50) and Statement of Financial Affairs ("SOFA") (id., PDF pp. 54 & 59)

Similarly, (x) Debtors' Bankruptcy Schedule I ignores the instruction to "[a]ttach a statement for each property or business showing gross receipts,

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ordinary and necessary business expenses, and the total monthly net income" (dkt. 1, PDF p. 50) (emphasis added), and (y) Debtors' SOFA omits any income from operating Benz N Beamers (*id.*, PDF p. 54) and fails to disclose Debtors' ownership interest in Benz N Beamers in Part 27 (*id.*, PDF p. 59).

The tentative ruling is to that, no later than the deadline set forth at the start of this tentative ruling, Debtors must to file amended Bankruptcy Schedules and an amended SOFA to correct the foregoing, and any other, inaccuracies and/or omissions.

(d) Service of order setting principal status conference

This Court's order setting principal status conference (dkt. 6) required Debtors to serve this order on all parties in interest and file a proof of service at least 14 days before the principal status conference. As of the drafting of this tentative ruling, the docket does not reflect such service. Was the order served?

If not, the tentative ruling is that, no later than the deadline set forth at the start of this tentative ruling, Debtors must file and serve a Notice, with a copy of the Procedures Order attached as an exhibit, informing all parties in interest that "Debtors failed to serve the Procedures Order on all parties in interest as directed by the Bankruptcy Court, which may have prejudiced some parties. The Bankruptcy Court has directed Debtors to serve this Notice, with a copy of the Procedures Order, on all parties in interest, both to inform all parties of the procedures in the Procedures Order and so that any party who was prejudiced by the lack of earlier service has an opportunity to seek any appropriate relief."

In addition, Debtors are cautioned that failure to comply with this Court's orders may result in adverse consequences.

(e) Government shutdown issues

Please see the tentative ruling at the start of this calendar (the entry for 9:00 a.m.).

Proposed orders: Unless otherwise ordered, Debtors are directed to lodge proposed orders on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

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- (2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 10/1/25.
- (a) Bar date: 1/29/26 (DO NOT SERVE notice yet - court will prepare an order after the status conference).
  - (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 6 (no proof of service on file)
  - (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 2/24/26 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
  - (d) Continued status conference: 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

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**Joint Debtor(s):**

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Represented By  
Onyinye N Anyama

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**#28.00** Cont'd hrg re: Motion in Chapter 11 Case for order authorizing debtor in possession to employ General Bankruptcy Counsel The Orantes Law Firm fr. 11/18/25

Docket 17

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 30, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 11, 11/18/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cubcoats Acquisition Vehicle LLC

Represented By  
Giovanni Orantes

**Movant(s):**

Cubcoats Acquisition Vehicle LLC

Represented By  
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**Trustee(s):**

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**#29.00** Cont'd hrg re: Motion in Chapter 11 Case for an order authorizing debtor in possession to employ professional (other than General Bankruptcy Court) Fensterstock Law PLLC fr. 11/18/25

Docket 19

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 30, 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 11, 11/18/25 at 1:00 p.m.).

<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Cubcoats Acquisition Vehicle LLC

Represented By  
Giovanni Orantes

**Movant(s):**

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**#30.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Chapter 11 case.  
fr. 9/9/25, 11/18/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant the employment applications and continue the status conference as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Application to employ Fensterstock Law PLLC as special litigation counsel (dkt. 19) and Statement of disinterestedness (dkt. 20) (the "Fensterstock Employment Application"), Order setting hearing (dkt. 29), very belated proof of service of order (dkt. 37), amended employment application (dkt. 36), Orantes declaration re service and request for continuance (dkt. 40), Notice of continued hearings (dkt. 46)

Grant the Fenderstock Employment Application subject to Judge Bason's standard employment terms (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)).

(b) Application to employ the Orantes Law Firm (dkt. 17) and Statement of Disinterestedness (dkt. 18, amended by dkt. 22) (the "Employment Application"), Order setting hearing (dkt. 27) & proof of service (dkt. 31), Response of Orantes firm (dkt. 38), amended Waiver of potential conflicts of interest (dkt. 39), revised Statement of disinterestedness (dkt. 41), Supplemental Ordoubadi declaration (dkt. 44), further revised statement of disinterestedness (dkt. 45), Notice of continued hearing (dkt. 46)

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Grant the Employment Application subject to Judge Bason's standard employment terms (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)).

Proposed orders: Unless otherwise ordered, Debtor is directed to lodge proposed orders on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date and attach to the Orantes employment order a copy of this tentative ruling (including the tentative rulings for 11/18/25 and 9/9/25, reproduced below), thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling. See LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B).

- (2) Dates/procedures. This subchapter V case was filed on 8/1/25.
- (a) Bar date: 10/10/25 per General Order 20-01 (70 days after petition date in Subchapter V cases) (DO NOT SERVE any notice: one has already been sent, see dkt. 13).
  - (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 2 (timely served, dkt. 5)
  - (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement (dkt. 32): No deadline to file amended plan at this time.
  - (d) Continued status conference: 2/24/26 at 1:00 p.m. *Brief* written status report required by 2/10/26.

**Tentative Ruling for 11/18/25:**

Continue all matters in this case that are on today's calendar, as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 11/18/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Application to employ Fensterstock Law PLLC as special litigation counsel (dkt. 19) and Statement of disinterestedness (dkt. 20) (the "Fensterstock Employment Application"), Order setting hearing (dkt. 29), very

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belated proof of service of order (dkt. 37), amended employment application (dkt. 36), Orantes declaration re service and request for continuance (dkt. 40)

Continue this matter (as requested, dkt. 40) to the same date and time as the continued Status Conference (see part "(2)(d)" of this Tentative Ruling, below) with a **deadline of 11/21/25** for Debtor (i) to serve all creditors with a notice of the continued hearing and the usual opposition deadline per the local rules and (ii) to file a proof of such service.

(b) Application to employ the Orantes Law Firm (dkt. 17) and Statement of Disinterestedness (dkt. 18, amended by dkt. 22) (the "Employment Application"), Order setting hearing (dkt. 27) & proof of service (dkt. 31), Response of Orantes firm (dkt. 38), amended Waiver of potential conflicts of interest (dkt. 39), revised Statement of disinterestedness (dkt. 41)

The tentative ruling is to continue this matter to the same date and time as the continued Status Conference (see part "(2)(d)" of this Tentative Ruling, below) with a **deadline of 11/21/25** for Debtor (x) to file a further amended Statement of disinterestedness correcting the following issues, (y) to file a notice of the continued hearing on all creditors, and (z) to file a proof of service of such notice.

This Court is aware that the following issues may appear to be minor oversights rather than anything truly concerning. But they needlessly place the burden on parties in interest and this Court to attempt to catch and correct errors and attempt to discern whether those errors might be masking much bigger problems such as conflicts of interest.

(i) Inadequate excuse for initial failure to disclose "connections"

As Mr. Orantes acknowledges, the original statement of disinterestedness (dkt. 18, 22) did not disclose all of "connections" (as that term is used in Rule 2014 (Fed. R. Bankr. P.)) involving the third party funder (M2M Management LLC or "M2M") which provided retainer funds to the Orantes firm ("Funder"). Such disclosures are required by applicable caselaw, and all professionals are reminded of that requirement in the "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)) (the "Procedures").

Mr. Orantes' excuse (dkt. 38, p. 4:3-4) for such nondisclosure is that the form "is less than clear" in that it refers to connections of a "Professional" (*i.e.*, not connections of the Funder). That explanation is specious. The

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Procedures state:

The Funder and Debtor both must sign Local Form F 2014-1.STMT.DISINTEREST.PROF (statement of disinterestedness), clearly marked up to reflect that it is being signed by a Funder and Debtor rather than by a Professional. [Procedures, p. 13 (emphasis added).]

The revised Statement of Disinterestedness corrects this problem. But the explanation for why that was not done the first time only serves to reveal that Mr. Orantes did not read and still has not adequately read the instructions in the Procedures. If he had done so, he would have known that his excuse is contrary to those Procedures. This raises concerns about what other procedures or legal obligations Mr. Orantes might fail to read or follow.

(ii) Inadequate assurances about the source of funds

Mr. Orantes asserts (dkt. 38, pp. 4:18-5:2) that creditors and this Court need not worry about any potential that the funds provided by M2M might be a constructively fraudulent transfer as to M2M's creditors, for two reasons. He asserts that "M2M has no creditors" and in any event "is not insolvent." *Id.* That is good if these things are true.

But the principal of both Debtor and M2M (Mr. Ordoubadi) does not affirm in his declaration that these things are actually true. Instead, he declares that he "believes" these statements (and everything else stated by Mr. Orantes) to be true (dkt. 38, p. 6:18-19). He provides no foundation to explain (x) how M2M (which allegedly is an operating entity, unlike Debtor) could possibly have "no creditors" or (y) whether its balance sheet, bank accounts, or other sources show that it is sufficiently solvent that the funding provided to the Orantes firm would not leave M2M with inadequate capital or cash flow problems.

(iii) Inadequate search for "connections"

Mr. Orantes states (dkt. 38, p. 4:14-17) that Mr. Ordoubadi "searched his emails for M2M and for Cubcoats to determine whether there was any connection and did not find any connection between Mr. Orantes and his firm or the creditors or parties in interest of M2M and Cubcoats." That would be good, if true.

But the Statement of disinterestedness only asserts that Mr. Ordoubadi searched his emails "for actual or potential conflicts of interest between M2M

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Management LLC and Cubcoats Acquisition Vehicle LLC and between either of M2M Management LLC and Cubcoats Acquisition Vehicle LLC and the Professional" - *i.e.*, nothing about searching for any "creditors or parties in interest." Stmt. of Disinterestedness (dkt. 41) p. 2, para. 5.

True, as noted above, Mr. Ordoubadi does declare that he "believes" every statement by Mr. Orantes to be true (dkt. 38, p. 6:18-19). But in the face of his much more specific and more limited assertion in the Statement of disinterestedness, his blanket statement (that he "believes" everything stated by Mr. Orantes to be true) rings hollow. Did he search for creditors or not? If he did, why is it that the Statement of disinterestedness only refers to a more narrow search?

Beyond all of the foregoing, Rule 2014 and the Statement of disinterestedness form refer not just to creditors (and Debtor and insiders) but also to "any other party or parties in interest, and their respective attorneys and accountants, the United States trustee, or any person employed in the office of the United States trustee." Stmt. of Disinterestedness (dkt. 41) p. 2, para. 6. Has Mr. Ordoubadi searched his emails for those other persons?

(iv) Hourly rate

Mr. Orantes graciously states: "Counsel urges the Court to approve the proposed rate but is confident that the Court can establish a reasonable rate at the hearing regardless." Orantes Resp. (dkt. 38) p. 3:20-21. He also forthrightly acknowledges that this Court previously limited his fees to \$495.00 per hour in another case, in 2018. *Id.* p. 3:17-18. The tentative ruling for the continued hearing is that, taking into account the length and breadth of Mr. Orantes' experience, but also the numerous problems in this case (partially set forth above and below), an appropriate rate is \$510/hr.

(v) Conclusion as to employment application

All rights are reserved to contest the foregoing tentative rulings at the continued hearing. Meanwhile, Mr. Orantes is encouraged to redouble his efforts to pay greater attention to the documents he files, with the hope of avoiding inconsistencies, omissions, and violations of procedures and legal requirements, such as those reflected in his filed documents concerning his employment and in the proposed Plan.

(c) Debtor's Subchapter V plan (dkt. 32)

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The tentative ruling is not to require Debtor to file an amended proposed Plan at this time, because that would be premature until the Subchapter V Trustee and creditors have had a little more time to engage in negotiations with Debtor. This Court anticipates setting a deadline for filing an amended proposed Plan at the next status conference. Meanwhile, this tentative ruling points out numerous problems with the current proposed Plan.

**(i) 50% distribution of litigation recoveries ... or not**

The centerpiece of Debtor's proposed Plan is to sue lots of other people and share 50% of the proceeds with creditors. But the Plan is blatantly inconsistent on this issue.

On the one hand, the Plan firmly states that "50% of any net recoveries (after fees and costs) received during the three years of the plan will be distributed to allowed general unsecured creditors." Plan (dkt. 32) p. 4 (just before Article 1). That seemingly firm and absolute commitment is preceded by a lengthy explanation of all the people Debtor believes could be sued, and all the merit or value that Debtor sees in those suits.

On the other hand, later on the very same page, the Plan states that Debtor "may, in its sole discretion and without creating any legal obligation, voluntarily distribute up to 50 percent of any net post-confirmation litigation recoveries (after payment of legal fees and costs) to holders of allowed general unsecured claims." Plan (dkt. 32) p. 4, Art. 1, para. 3. *See also id.* p. 7 (Class 3 "may" receive distributions from litigation proceeds). Moreover, in contrast to the high value that Debtor seems to place on this litigation in the lengthy opening statement in the Plan, the Liquidation Analysis gives it no value whatsoever. *See* Plan (dkt. 32) p. 3 & Ex. 1 (at PDF p. 15) (no line item for the value of this litigation).

So is the litigation that is the centerpiece of the Plan valuable or worthless? Will any litigation recoveries be distributed 50% to creditors or not?

It is highly disappointing that a document so internally inconsistent would be filed on the docket, let alone served on creditors (see below).

**(ii) Violation of Procedures by serving creditors**

Debtor's proof of service (dkt. 32, PDF pp. 23-25) states that the proposed Plan was served on all creditors. That is directly contrary to the Procedures.



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It is also contrary to this Court's directions at the previous status conference in this case, and in every prior chapter 11 case in which Mr. Orantes has appeared before Judge Bason. See, e.g., Tentative Ruling for 9/9/25, part "(2)(c)" (reproduced below).

It is also wasteful of photocopying and postage expenses, and confusing the creditors, for Mr. Orantes to serve an initial draft Plan. That is especially true when the draft Plan includes blatantly inconsistent statements as its centerpiece (see above).

Debtor's counsel is reminded (again) not to serve any draft disclosure statement and/or plan documents in future (in this case or in any other case pending before Judge Bason) before service of those documents has been authorized. He is cautioned that doing so may result in adverse consequences.

(iii) Errors re: Class 1

The plan treatment for Class 1 Priority Claims (dkt. 32, p. 6) states that Debtor "owes no taxes and no proofs of claim for alleged priority claims were received," but in other places the plan states that there are a total of \$1,788.62 in priority claims. *id.*, pp. 3, 8 & Ex. 3 (PDF p. 22). Additionally, the stated amount of priority claims is inaccurate. Based on this Court's review of the claims register, the Franchise Tax Board ("FTB") filed proof of claim 3 asserting a \$1,684.62 priority unsecured claim (per 11 U.S.C. 507(a)(8)) and a general unsecured claim of \$104.00, for a total claim of \$1,788.62.

(iv) Inconsistency re: contribution

The proposed Plan states that Debtor's principal will contribute a lump sum of \$20,000 to fund the plan (dkt. 32, pp. 3, 4), but in other places states that the principal will contribute \$21,788.62. *id.*, pp. 8, 9 & Ordoubadi Decl. (Ex. 2) PDF p. 18:23-26. Mr. Orantes is reminded that once projected litigation recoveries are included in any liquidation analysis it might be necessary to increase the dollar amount of any contribution, so as to satisfy the "best interests of creditors" test of 11 U.S.C. 1129(a)(7).

(v) Lack of disclosure re: Debtor's obligations as lessee

Debtor's plan states that Debtor wishes to assume "its current month to month lease, which is current." Dkt. 32, p. 8. Is that an error? How is Debtor current on any lease obligations if Debtor is not operating and has no cash



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flow? Has Debtor been obtaining unauthorized loans from Mr. Ordoubadi, perhaps in the form of direct payments to the landlord? Or has he made equity contributions (again, perhaps in the form of direct payments to the landlord)?

The Monthly Operating Report for the postpetition month of September 2025 (dkt. 26) does not reflect any of this: no lease obligations or payments, no associated loans or equity contributions, and no endnotes or other disclosures. Why is there no disclosure of any of this?

(vi) Exhibit 3 (Dkt. 32, PDF p. 22)

First, Debtor should specifically refer to "Catalyst Loanout, Inc." in the "name" column for Class 2.

Second, (x) the FTB's unsecured priority claim amount should be amended to reflect the correct priority amount of the FTB's claim, and (y) the FTB's general unsecured claim should be added to Class 3 with a revised proposed pro rata distribution for all claims in that class.

Third, it appears the text for Class 3 general unsecured creditors under the column labeled "Objection/Comment to Filed Proofs of Claims" for Class 3 is partially cut off.

(vii) Conclusion as to the proposed Plan

Debtor is directed to meet and confer with the Subchapter V Trustee and principal creditors before any attempt to revise the current draft Plan. Debtor is also reminded, again, NOT to serve creditors with any future draft Plan unless and until authorized by this Court (although, of course, anyone requesting a copy should be provided with one).

(2) Dates/procedures. This subchapter V case was filed on 8/1/25.

- (a) Bar date: 10/10/25 per General Order 20-01 (70 days after petition date in Subchapter V cases) (DO NOT SERVE any notice: one has already been sent, see dkt. 13).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 2 (timely served, dkt. 5)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: See Part "(1)(c)" above.
- (d) Continued status conference: 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report is required.

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Appearances required by counsel for Debtor and by Debtor's principal.

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(1) Current issues

(a) Budget motion

Debtor's status report states it has not had any significant operations since it acquired its business from the bankruptcy case of Peak Theory Inc. (dkt. 16, p. 5), but also that it is operating in the ordinary course. *Id.*, p. 9. The posted "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)) state that all debtors are required to file a budget motion, so the tentative ruling is to direct counsel for the Debtor to appear to address whether this Court should set a deadline for Debtor to file a budget motion.

(b) Application to employ the Orantes Law Firm (dkt. 17) and Statement of Disinterestedness (dkt. 18) (the "Employment Application")

This matter is not on for hearing today because Debtor has elected to proceed on what is colloquially referred to as "negative notice" pursuant to Local Bankruptcy Rule 9013-1(o), but the tentative ruling is to require an additional declaration in support of the Employment Application. The Employment Application discloses that proposed counsel has received \$26,913.00 in pre- and post-petition retainer funds (dkt. 17, p. 8) from third-party funder, M2M Management, LLC (the "Funder") with an undisclosed relationship to Debtor. Serious ethical concerns are raised by any arrangement for payment of attorneys fees by a non-debtor to fund counsel for a debtor, as set forth in the "Procedures of Judge Bason" (available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov)), the "Procedures") and the sources referenced therein. The tentative ruling is to direct Debtor to file, and serve on the U.S. Trustee, a marked-up version of Local Form 2014-1 that is executed by the Funder and by Debtor, prior to lodging a proposed order on the Employment Application.

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- (2) Dates/procedures. This subchapter V case was filed on 8/1/25.
- (a) Bar date: 10/10/25 per General Order 20-01 (70 days after petition date in Subchapter V cases) (DO NOT SERVE any notice: one has already been sent, see dkt. 13).
  - (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 2 (timely served, dkt. 5)
  - (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 90 days after the petition date (per 11 U.S.C. 1189(b)) (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
  - (d) Continued status conference: 11/18/25 at 1:00 p.m. No written status report required.

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**Debtor(s):**

Cubcoats Acquisition Vehicle LLC

Represented By  
Giovanni Orantes

**Trustee(s):**

Moriah Douglas Flahaut (TR)

Pro Se

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**#31.00 Status Conference re: Chapter 11 Case**

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**Tentative Ruling:**

Subject to any opposition and reply at the hearing, grant the payroll motion (dkt. 7) on a final basis, and grant the cash collateral motion (dkt. 8) and the budget motion (dkt. 9) on an interim basis, with a final hearing concurrent with the previously ordered date for the Principal Status Conference, all as set forth below. Appearances required.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

**(1) Current issues**

The tentative ruling is that the following relief is necessary to avoid "immediate and irreparably harm" within the meaning of Rules 4001(b)(2)(A) and 6003(a)(2) (Fed. R. Bankr. P.).

**(a) Cash collateral motion (dkt. 8), OST (dkt. 13), Notice of hearing (dkt. 17)**

Subject to any opposition and reply at the hearing, grant on an interim basis as set forth in the tentative ruling for Cal. No. 33 (12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.), with a final hearing concurrent with the continued Status Conference (see part "(2)(d)" of this tentative ruling, below).

**(b) Payroll motion (dkt. 7), OST (dkt. 13), Notice of hearing (dkt. 17)**

Subject to any opposition and reply at the hearing, the tentative ruling is to grant the payroll motion on a final basis.

**(c) Budget motion (dkt. 9), OST (dkt. 13), Notice of hearing (dkt. 17)**

Subject to any opposition and reply at the hearing, the tentative ruling

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is to grant the budget motion on an interim basis, with a final hearing concurrent with the continued Status Conference (see part "(2)(d)" of this tentative ruling, below).

Proposed orders: Unless otherwise ordered, Debtor is directed to lodge proposed orders on the matter(s) addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date. See LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 12/9/25.

- (a) Bar date: TBD (DO NOT SERVE notice yet - court will prepare an order after the status conference).
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 3 (timely served, dkt. 12).
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: TBD (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
- (d) Continued status conference: 1/6/26 at 1:00 p.m., as previously ordered (this will be the Principal Status Conference) (see Procedures Order (dkt. 3)). Status Report due by 12/23/25.

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**Debtor(s):**

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**#32.00** Hrg re: Debtor's Motion for Order Authorizing Payment of  
Prepetition Wages and Related Expenses

Docket 7

**Tentative Ruling:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference (Calendar No. 31,  
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**Debtor(s):**

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Represented By  
Michael Jay Berger

**Trustee(s):**

Gregory Kent Jones (TR)

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**#33.00** Hrg re: Debtor's Motion for Order Authorizing Interim Use  
of Cash Collateral Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 363

Docket 8

**Tentative Ruling:**

Subject to any opposition and reply at the hearing, grant the cash collateral motion (dkt. 8) on an interim basis, subject to the conditions set forth below, with a final hearing and associated deadlines as set forth in the tentative ruling for the status conference (calendar no. 31 on 12/16/25 at 1:00 p.m.).  
Appearances required.

If you are making an appearance, you may do so (1) in person in the courtroom, unless the Court has been closed (check the Court's website for public notices), (2) via ZoomGov video, or (3) via ZoomGov telephone. For ZoomGov instructions for all matters on calendar, please see page 1 of the posted tentative rulings.

Key documents reviewed (in addition to motion papers): N/A (no opposition on file as of the preparation of this tentative ruling)

Judge Bason's standard conditions for use of cash collateral and/or postpetition financing (by creditors holding prepetition claims)

(1) Written order

(a) Form. Use local form

F2081-2.1.ORDER.CASH.COLLATERAL or the equivalent. Attach a copy of this tentative ruling as an exhibit, thereby adopting it as the written ruling of this Court, subject to any changes ordered at the hearing. Do not repeat the terms set forth in the motion or any stipulation. Incorporate those terms by reference (including the docket number of the document), subject to any modification by this Court.

(b) Timing. Lodge the proposed order within 7 days after the hearing. See LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B).

(2) Minimum adequate protection

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In addition to the postpetition security interests that are automatically provided pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 552 (e.g., in traceable proceeds and profits), and subject to any more comprehensive protection that may be approved, Debtor shall provide at least the following protection to any creditor with a security interest in the subject property (pursuant to 11 U.S.C. 361-364, as applicable):

(a) Insurance. For all collateral of a type that typically is insured (e.g., real property and improvements), Debtor is directed to maintain insurance in a dollar amount at least equal to Debtor's good faith estimate of the value of such creditor's interest in the collateral, and such insurance shall name such creditor as an additional insured. Debtor is directed to remain current on payments for such insurance.

(b) Taxes. Debtor is directed to remain current on payments on account of postpetition real estate taxes (to the extent that real estate is part of the collateral).

(c) Disclosures/access. Debtor is directed to provide, upon such creditor's reasonable request, periodic accountings of the foregoing insurance and tax obligations and payments, as well as postpetition proceeds, products, offspring, or profits from the collateral, including gross revenues and expenses and a calculation of net revenues. Debtor is directed to provide appropriate documentation of those accountings, and access for purposes of inspection or appraisal.

**(3) Grant of, and limitation on, postpetition liens**

The tentative ruling is to grant postpetition liens to any creditors holding secured claims by granting replacement liens, but such liens shall be limited to the same validity, priority, and amount as prepetition liens. As used herein, the "validity, priority, and amount" or any similar phrase that may be used by the parties or this Court is deemed to include the following:

(a) Extent. Such liens shall be limited to the *type* of collateral in which the creditor held a security interest as of the petition date. For example, if prepetition liens extended to inventory and accounts receivable but not equipment then postpetition liens are likewise limited (unless otherwise expressly provided by order of this Court). In addition, postpetition liens shall not extend to any avoidance actions or the proceeds thereof, any claim or recoveries under 11 U.S.C. 506(c), any "carveout" under 11 U.S.C. 552, or any claim or recoveries under 11 U.S.C. 724(a).



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(b) Priority. Such liens shall be limited to the same *priority* as the security interest held by the creditor as of the petition date.

(c) Dollar amount. Such liens shall be limited to the dollar amount needed to protect the creditor against diminution in the *value* of the secured claims as of the petition date.

(d) Enforceability. Such liens shall be limited to the extent that the creditor's security interests were duly *perfected* and *valid* as of the petition date, and to the extent that they are *unavoidable*.

(e) Automatic postpetition perfection. Any *automatic* perfection of such liens shall be subject to any applicable limitations regarding the Court's authority, jurisdiction, or due process.

**(4) Automatic disapproval of insufficiently disclosed provisions**

Any provision of the type listed in FRBP 4001(c)(1)(B) or in local form F4001-2 (e.g., cross-collateralization) or any waiver of the "equities of the case" exception in 11 U.S.C. 552(b)(2) shall be deemed automatically disapproved and excepted from any order granting the motion, notwithstanding any other provision of such order, unless either: (a) such provision is specifically and prominently disclosed in the motion papers in a checklist (such as local form F4001-2), or alternatively (b) such provision is specifically identified in any proposed order granting the motion, using terminology of the type used in FRBP 4001(c)(1)(B) or local form F4001-2 (e.g., any "cross-collateralization" that is not specifically identified as such is deemed to be disapproved).

**(5) Disputes**

In the event of any disputes regarding the rulings in this order, the parties are directed to meet and confer and, if they cannot resolve their disputes consensually, contact Judge Bason's chambers to arrange a mutually convenient time for either a telephonic or in-person hearing to address such disputes.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Debtor is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on the matters addressed here via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

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**#34.00** Hrg re: Motion in Chapter 11 Case for Order Pursuant to 11 U.S.C.  
Sec. 363 Setting Budget for Interim Use of Estate Property

Docket 9

**Tentative Ruling:**

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**#1.00 Hrg re: Motion for Court-Ordered Mediation**

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

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**Movant(s):**

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Represented By  
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**#2.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Recognition of a Foreign Proceeding  
fr. 11/14/23, 12/5/23, 12/19/23, 01/10/24, 2/20/24, 3/12/24, 4/9/24,  
5/14/24, 7/9/24, 8/27/24, 10/22/24, 11/19/24, 12/17/24, 1/28/25,  
3/18/25, 6/3/25, 8/5/25, 10/21/25, 12/11/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

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**2:25-11235 Itkin & Sabadash**

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**#3.00** Hrg re: Motion for Court-Ordered Mediation

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**Tentative Ruling:**

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

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**Movant(s):**

Gary Y. Itkin

Represented By  
Daniel J McCarthy

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**Chapter 7**

**#4.00** Cont'd hrg re: Putative Partner Alexander Sabadash's motion  
for fees and damages, under 11 U.S.C. section 303(l)  
fr. 8/5/25, 8/19/25, 9/9/25, 10/9/25, 12/11/25

Docket 90

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference in Golden Sphinx  
matter (Calendar No. 8, 12/16/25 at 2:00 p.m.).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Itkin & Sabadash

Pro Se

**Movant(s):**

Alexander Sabadash

Represented By  
Michael Zorkin

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**Chapter 7**

**#5.00** Cont'd hrg re: Putative Partner Alexander Sabadash's motion for fees and damages, under 11 U.S.C. section 303(l) and sanctions under FRBP 9011 and the courts inherent power fr. 8/5/25, 8/19/25, 9/9/25, 10/9/25, 12/11/25

Docket 91

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference in Golden Sphinx matter (Calendar No. 8, 12/16/25 at 2:00 p.m.).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

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**Movant(s):**

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**Chapter 7**

**#6.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Chapter 7 Involuntary Petition  
fr. 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 6/17/25, 8/19/25, 9/9/25, 10/9/25, 12/11/25

Docket 1

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Itkin & Sabadash

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**2:22-14320 Golden Sphinx Limited**

**Chapter 15**

**#7.00 Hrg re: Motion for Court-Ordered Mediation**

Docket 183

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Please see the tentative ruling for the status conference in Golden Sphinx matter (Calendar No. 8, 12/16/25 at 2:00 p.m.).

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Golden Sphinx Limited

Represented By  
Kyle Ortiz  
Kurt Ramlo

**Movant(s):**

Garry Y. Itkin

Represented By  
Daniel J McCarthy  
Boris Treyzon

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**Chapter 15**

**#8.00** Cont'd Status Conference  
fr. 11/14/23, 12/5/23, 12/19/23, 3/5/24, 3/12/24,  
4/9/24, 7/16/24, 10/22/24, 11/19/24, 12/17/24,  
1/28/25, 3/18/25, 6/3/25, 8/5/25, 8/19/25, 9/9/25,  
10/7/25

Docket 116

**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Grant Mr. Itkin's motions to compel global mediation (filed in each of the related cases of Mr. Sabadash, the alleged Itkin and Sabadash partnership, and Golden Sphinx Limited) and continue the other matters on calendar, all as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25.

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**(1) Current issues**

**(a) Mr. Itkin's motions to compel global mediation**

Garry Y. Itkin ("Mr. Itkin") has filed motions to compel global mediation (the "Global Mediation Motions") in each of the related cases of Mr. Sabadash (Case No. 2:23-bk-15574-NB), the alleged Itkin and Sabadash partnership (Case No. 2:25-bk-11235-NB), and Golden Sphinx Limited (Case No. 2:22-bk-14320). See Sabadash dkt. 138, 140, 141, & 142; Itkin & Sabadash dkt. 118, 120, 121, & 122; and Golden Sphinx dkt. 183, 185, & 186.

Andrew Wood and Alexander Adam, the joint liquidators and authorized foreign representatives (the "Foreign Representatives") in the Golden Sphinx Limited chapter 15 case, oppose the Global Mediation Motions. See *generally* Golden Sphinx Limited dkt. 185. Aleksandr

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Vitalievich Sabadash ("Mr. Sabadash") also opposes the Global Mediation Motions. See *generally* Sabadash dkt. 140; Itkin & Sabadash dkt. 120.

Foreign Representatives assert that by granting the Global Mediation Motions, this Court would be interfering with the liquidation proceedings pending before the Royal Court of Jersey (the "Royal Court"), and would not be showing proper deference to the Royal Court. Foreign Representative's Opp. (Golden Sphinx dkt. 185) pp. 5:6–6:6. The tentative ruling is that Foreign Representatives are mistaken, because a mediator lacks the authority to bind the parties to any proposed settlement, and the mediation will not prevent all parties from proceeding with their litigation before the Royal Court, which this Bankruptcy Court anticipates will continue unabated.

Mr. Sabadash asserts that the Global Mediation Motions are nothing more than a further delay tactic of Mr. Itkin and that further mediation is not likely to result in settlement. Sabadash Opp. (Sabadash dkt. 140) p. 1:2–8 (identical opposition filed as dkt. 120 in Itkin & Sabadash). The tentative ruling is to overrule Mr. Sabadash's opposition. It has been this Court's experience that, with the aid of an experienced mediator, settlement is often possible even in protracted litigation in which the parties' initial respective settlement demands are far apart. In addition, the tentative ruling is to decline to impose the conditions upon the mediation requested by Mr. Sabadash, as doing so would unduly interfere with the discretion of the mediator.

Of course, if mediation does not resolve the disputed issues then this Court stands ready, willing, and able to move forward with the sanctions motions and other appropriate matters.

In conclusion, the tentative ruling is to overrule the opposition of the Foreign Representatives and Mr. Sabadash and to grant the Global Mediation Motions.

Proposed order(s): Unless otherwise ordered, Mr. Itkin is directed to lodge proposed order(s) on each of his separate motions via LOU within 7 days after the hearing date (per LBR 9021-1(b)(1)(B)) and attach a copy of this tentative ruling, thereby incorporating it as this Court's actual ruling.

(2) Dates/procedures. The Golden Sphinx Limited case was filed on 8/9/22; Sabadash on 8/29/23; and Itkin & Sabadash on 2/19/25.

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**Chapter 15**

(a) Continued status conferences (in all three cases): 2/24/26 at 2:00  
p.m. No written status reports are required; however, should  
there be any developments which any of the parties wish to  
bring to this Court's attention, any party is free to file a *brief*  
written status report by no later than **2/17/26**.

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**Debtor(s):**

Golden Sphinx Limited

Represented By  
Kyle Ortiz  
Kurt Ramlo

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**2:25-14931 Forrest Kent Balmain**

**Chapter 11**

**#9.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
fr. 7/8/25, 8/12/25, 8/19/25, 9/9/25, 10/21/25, 10/30/25,  
11/18/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Appearances required.

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(1) Current issues

(a) Evidentiary hearing on valuation of Debtor's property (dkt. 56, 61, & 64-73)

This Court conducted an evidentiary hearing to value Debtor's property on October 30, 2025. At the conclusion of that hearing, this Court strongly encouraged the parties to discuss whether settlement of the disputed valuation issues was possible. At the 11/18/25 status conference, the parties reported that they were still discussing settlement. Without disclosing any confidential settlement communications, the parties are directed to appear to update this Court on the status of settlement discussions.

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 6/12/25.

(a) Bar date: 8/21/25 per General Order 20-01 (70 days after petition date in Subchapter V cases) (DO NOT SERVE any notice: one will be sent).

(b) Procedures Order: dkt. 6 (timely served, dkt. 11).

(c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 1/20/26 (dkt. 82) (this deadline is subject to additional extensions depending on how long it takes to resolve the valuation dispute) (DO NOT SERVE - except on

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the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.

(d) Continued status conference: 1/6/26 at 2:00 p.m. No written status report required.

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**Debtor(s):**

Forrest Kent Balmain

Represented By

Lawrence R Fieselman

Julie J Villalobos

**Trustee(s):**

Gregory Kent Jones (TR)

Pro Se

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**2:23-10990 Leslie Klein**

**Chapter 11**

Adv#: 2:23-01169 Berger v. Klein

**#10.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Complaint for Nondischargeability of Debt Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A), U.S.C. Section 523(a)(4), & 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(6); & for Denial of Discharge Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(2)(A); 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(2)(B); 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(3); 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(4); 11 U.S.C. Section 727(a)(5) fr. 4/8/25, 07/15/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**(1) Current issues**

On 12/11/25 District Judge Bernal issued an order affirming the default judgment issued against Defendant/Debtor by this Bankruptcy Court (Judge S. Klein) and vacating the 12/15/25 hearing before the District Court as unnecessary. See Minute Order (adv. dkt. 106). The next day counsel for Defendant/Debtor filed a unilateral status report that was blank except for falsely stating that the 12/15/25 hearing was still scheduled. See Stat.Rpt. (adv. dkt. 104) p. 4. Later the same day counsel for Plaintiff filed a declaration (adv. dkt. 105) asserting that "no further status hearings or status reports were necessary" (*id.* p. 2:5-6) and that this adversary proceeding should be "closed, consistent with the closure of the *Mermelstein v. Klein* adversary proceeding, [Adv.] No. 2:23-ap-01153-NB." *Id.* p. 2:14-16.



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The tentative ruling is that this adversary proceeding is not like *Mermelstein*, in which the judgment had become truly final (no further possibility of appeals) because the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit affirmed (Adv. No. 2:23-ap-01153-NB, adv. dkt. 106) and had issued its mandate (*id.*, adv. dkt. 107). In contrast, the time for any further appeals (or motions for Judge Bernal to reconsider) has not yet run in this adversary proceeding, and in addition it is possible that there could be post-ruling motions either, conceivably, on remand, or more likely at the appellate level (*e.g.*, to award costs). Accordingly, the tentative ruling is that it is premature to close this adversary proceeding, although it is appropriate to continue the status conference without requiring any status reports.

**(2) Standard requirements**

The following are Judge Bason's standard requirements for status conferences. (To the extent that the parties have already addressed these issues in their status report, they need not repeat their positions at the status conference.)

**(a) Venue/jurisdiction/authority**

Matters of venue, jurisdiction, and authority have been determined and/or waived or forfeited (adv. dkt. 99, p. 4)

**(b) Mediation [N/A]**

**(c) Deadlines**

This adversary proceeding has been pending since 6/9/23. The tentative ruling is that, to save costs, no written order is required and the following will be memorialized on the docket.

Continued status conference: 3/24/26 at 2:00 p.m.

Note: If there are any motions self-calendared for hearing prior to that time, this Court will automatically hold a status conference at the same time.

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**Debtor(s):**

Leslie Klein

Pro Se

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**Defendant(s):**

Leslie Klein

Represented By  
Eric J Olson

**Plaintiff(s):**

David Berger

Represented By  
Baruch C Cohen

**Trustee(s):**

Bradley D. Sharp (TR)

Represented By  
Jeffrey W Dulberg  
Jeffrey N Pomerantz  
John W Lucas  
Jeffrey P Nolan  
Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

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**Chapter 11**

**#11.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Chapter 11 Case  
fr. 4/8/25, 4/22/25, 05/01/25, 5/6/25, 5/20/25, 6/3/25,  
6/17/25, 6/24/25, 07/15/25, 8/5/25, 8/12/25, 9/9/25,  
9/23/25, 10/7/25, 10/21/25, 11/18/25, 12/2/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue all matters as set forth below. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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(1) Current issues

(a) Berger v. Klein adversary proceeding (Adv. No. 2:23-ap-01169-NB)  
Please see the tentative ruling for Cal. No. 6 (12/16/25 at 2:00 p.m.).

(2) Dates/procedures. This case was filed on 2/22/23 as a Subchapter V case. The petition was amended to remove the Subchapter V election and proceed as a chapter 11 case on 3/8/23. See dkt. 33, 37 & 43. On 5/17/23 this Court directed the appointment of a chapter 11 trustee (dkt. 142) and on 5/24/23 Bradley D. Sharp was appointed as trustee. Dkt. 151, 154, 155 &

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- (a) Bar date: 5/3/23 (see dks. 10, 12 & 18)
- (b) Procedures Order: dkt. 950 (timely served, dkt. 953)
- (c) Plan/Disclosure Statement: file by 12/16/25 (DO NOT SERVE - except on the U.S. Trustee). See Procedures Order.
- (d) Continued status conference: 1/20/26 at 2:00 p.m., concurrent with other matters. No written status report required.

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<b>Party Information</b>
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**Debtor(s):**

Leslie Klein

Pro Se

**Trustee(s):**

Bradley D. Sharp (TR)

Represented By

Jeffrey W Dulberg

Jeffrey N Pomerantz

John W Lucas

Jeffrey P Nolan

Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP

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**2:22-11471 Cherry Man Industries, Inc.**

**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:23-01415 Bankruptcy Estate Of Cherry Man Industries, Inc. B v. Barraza

**#12.00** Cont'd Pre-Trial Conference re: Complaint for (1) Avoidance of Preferential Transfers (2) Avoidance of Actual Fraudulent Transfers (3) Avoidance of Constructive Fraudulent Transfers (4) Recovery of Avoided Transfers (5) Disallowance of Claims  
fr. 08/27/24, 12/03/24, 1/28/25, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue to 3/24/26 at 2:00 p.m., to provide time for the Chapter 7 Trustee ("Trustee") to document the settlement and file a Rule 9019 motion. See Status Report (adv. dkt. 45) ¶ G (p. 4). If the Rule 9019 motion is on file, no status report is necessary; otherwise, a status report is due no later than 3/10/26. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**Debtor(s):**

Cherry Man Industries, Inc.

Represented By  
David S Kupetz  
Asa S Hami  
Victor A Sahn  
Hamid R Rafatjoo  
David B Golubchik

**Defendant(s):**

Patricia Barraza

Represented By  
Derrick Talerico

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**Plaintiff(s):**

Jeffrey I. Golden

Represented By  
Anerio V Altman

Bankruptcy Estate Of Cherry Man

Represented By  
David B Golubchik  
Krikor J Meshefejian  
Robert Carrasco

**Trustee(s):**

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By  
Anerio V Altman

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**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:24-01065 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v. APEX

**#13.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Avoidance Of Unauthorized Post-Petition Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 549]; (3) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (4) Disallowance Of Claims [11 U.S.C. §502]]  
fr. 6/4/24, 9/24/24, 11/19/24, 2/11/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue to 3/24/26 at 2:00 p.m., with a status report due by 3/10/26, to provide additional time for the Chapter 7 Trustee to investigate the feasibility of serving the summons and complaint upon defendant under the Hague Convention or whatever other procedures might be applicable. See Status Report (adv. dkt. 23) ¶ G (p. 4). Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**Debtor(s):**

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Victor A Sahn  
Hamid R Rafatjoo  
David B Golubchik

**Defendant(s):**

APEX MARITIME CO. (LAX),

Represented By  
Ronald L Richman

K APEX LOGISTICS CO LTD

Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):**

Jeffrey I. Golden

Represented By  
Anerio V Altman

HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS

Represented By  
David B Golubchik  
Robert Carrasco

**Trustee(s):**

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By  
Anerio V Altman



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**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:24-01067 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v.

**#14.00** Cont'd Status Conference re: Complaint for: (1) Avoidance of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Avoidance of Actual Fraudulent Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 548(A)(1)(A)]; (3) Avoidance of Constructive Fraudulent Transfers [11 U.S.C. §548(A)(1)(B)]; (4) Recovery of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; and (5) Disallowance of Claims [11U.S.C. §502]  
fr. 06/04/24, 07/30/24, 08/27/24, 9/24/24, 12/17/24, 2/18/25, 3/18/25, 5/20/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue to 3/24/26 at 2:00 p.m. as requested by Plaintiff/Trustee (adv. dkt. 39, ¶ G (p. 4)) for any appropriate post-dismissal matters. See Notice of Dismissal (adv. dkt. 38). No status report is required prior to the continued status conference. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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**Debtor(s):**

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Asa S Hami

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Victor A Sahn  
Hamid R Rafatjoo  
David B Golubchik

**Defendant(s):**

AMERICAN EXPRESS

Represented By  
Sweeney Kelly

**Plaintiff(s):**

Jeffrey I. Golden

Represented By  
Anerio V Altman

HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS

Represented By  
David B Golubchik  
Robert Carrasco

**Trustee(s):**

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By  
Anerio V Altman

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**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:24-01068 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v. ANJI

**#15.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (3) Disallowance Of Claims [11U.S.C. §502] fr. 6/4/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 12/17/24, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

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**Chapter 7**

Victor A Sahn  
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ANJI DEKA OFFICE SYSTEM CO      Pro Se

**Plaintiff(s):**

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**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:24-01069 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v. QX-

**#16.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (3) Disallowance Of Claims [11U.S.C. §502] fr. 6/4/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 12/17/24, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

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**Chapter 7**

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**Chapter 7**

Adv#: 2:24-01070 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v.

**#17.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (3) Disallowance Of Claims [11U.S.C. §502] fr. 6/4/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 12/17/24, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

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**Chapter 7**

Victor A Sahn  
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**Defendant(s):**

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Adv#: 2:24-01071 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v.

**#18.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint for: (1) Avoidance of preferential transfer [11 U.S.C. section 547]; (2) Avoidance of actual fraudulent transfers [11 U.S.C. section 548(a)(1)(A)]; (3) Avoidance of constructive fraudulent transfers [11 U.S.C. section 548(a)(1)(B)]; (4) Recovery of avoided transfers [11 U.S.C. section 550]; and (5) Disallowance of claims [11 U.S.C. section 502]  
fr. 6/25/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 2/11/25, 5/6/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Pursuant to the request of Plaintiff/Trustee, continue to 3/24/26 at 2:00 p.m., with a status report due by 3/10/26, to provide additional time for the parties to fulfill their obligations under the settlement agreement approved by this Court on 10/28/25 (bankr. dkt. 851). If the parties file a fully-executed stipulation of dismissal upon consummation of the settlement, the continued status conference will be taken off calendar. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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Adv#: 2:24-01072 HAMID R. RAFATJOO IN HIS CAPACITY AS CHAPTER 11 TR v.

**#19.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (3) Disallowance Of Claims [11U.S.C. §502] fr. 6/4/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 12/17/24, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**#20.00** Cont'd status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (3) Disallowance Of Claims [11 U.S.C. §502] fr. 6/4/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 12/17/24, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**#21.00** Cont'd Status conference re: Complaint For: (1) Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 547]; (2) Avoidance Of Actual Fraudulent Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 548(A)(1)(A)]; (3) Avoidance Of Constructive Fraudulent Transfers [11 U.S.C. §548(A)(1)(B)]; (4) Recovery Of Avoided Transfers [11 U.S.C. § 550]; And (5) Disallowance Of Claims [11U.S.C. §502] fr. 6/4/24, 8/6/24, 10/22/24, 12/17/24, 2/18/25, 3/18/25, 4/22/25, 6/3/25, 9/9/25

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**Tentative Ruling:**

**Tentative Ruling for 12/16/25:**

Continue to 3/24/26 at 2:00 p.m. as requested by Plaintiff/Trustee (adv. dkt. 22, p. 4) for any appropriate post-dismissal matters. See Notice of Dismissal (adv. dkt. 21). No status report is required prior to the continued status conference. Appearances are not required on 12/16/25. (If you wish to contest the tentative ruling, see the Posted Procedures of Judge Bason, available at [www.cacb.uscourts.gov](http://www.cacb.uscourts.gov), then search for "tentative rulings.")

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