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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

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8:25-11835 Rajiv P Sitwala

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CONT'D Hearing RE: Amended Application For Payment Of Interim Fees An/Or Expenses For The Period From April 30, 2025 Through December 19, 2025

(Application filed 1/19/2026)

(Amended Application filed 2/26/2026)

**[RE: PENNY M. FOX, CPA - Accountant For Debtor-In-Possession]
[Fees: \$46,953.50; Expenses: \$0.00]**

FR: 2-17-26

Docket 208

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

The corrected application [Dk. 208] is APPROVED in part on an interim basis. Interim compensation is allowed in the amount of \$44,781.00. The remaining \$2,172.50 is DENIED without prejudice as attributable to entries that appear administrative in nature and therefore part of overhead.

The Court has an independent duty to examine the reasonableness of requested compensation under 11 U.S.C. § 330. *In re Auto Parts Club, Inc.*, 211 B.R. 29, 33 (9th Cir. BAP 1997). Section 330 authorizes reasonable compensation for actual and necessary services rendered. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a) (1)(A). The corrected application [Dk. 208] materially improves the billing records and the Court is able to determine that a substantial portion of the requested services was sufficiently described to permit review under § 330.

However, the revised billing records still include entries that appear administrative or clerical in nature. Clerical services are properly chargeable as overhead and not to the bankruptcy estate. *In re Sonicblue, Inc.*, 2006 Bankr. LEXIS 1576 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2006); *In re Michael J. Schneider*, 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 3652 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2007). Examples include entries for

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"Download documents" on May 30, 2025, "Download bank statements & transactions for Bell office" and "Download bank statements & transactions for Cypress office" on July 7, 2025, and multiple later entries for "Download & classify" transactions. Although the revised billing format designates certain time as "Admin," the application does not sufficiently establish that those tasks constitute compensable professional services, which should be compensable at \$550 per hour.

Accordingly, the Court will allow interim compensation in the amount of \$44,781.00. The balance attributable to the identified administrative functions, \$2,172.50, is denied without prejudice to Applicant seeking such amounts in a subsequent application supported by further explanation sufficient to establish that the services were actual, necessary, and compensable under § 330.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing are not required.

Tentative for 2/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to permit Applicant to submit revised billing entries by no later than February 24, 2026.

The Court has reviewed the accountant's application for compensation pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 330, the supporting billing records, and the docket as a whole.

The Court has an independent duty to examine the reasonableness of the fees and expenses required by retained professionals. *In re Auto Parts Club, Inc.*, 211 B.R. 29, 33 (9th Cir. BAP 1997). Section 330 authorizes the Court to award reasonable compensation for actual and necessary services rendered. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1)(A). In determining reasonableness, the Court considers whether the services were necessary to administration of the case, whether they were performed within a reasonable amount of time commensurate with the complexity and nature of the work, and whether the compensation requested is reasonable based on customary charges. 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3) (C), (D), (F).

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Professionals also have an obligation to exercise billing judgment. *In re Auto Parts Club, Inc.*, 211 B.R. at 33. Having a professional perform a task does not compel a finding that the fees were necessary per se.

At this time, the Court is unable to complete a meaningful reasonableness review based on the submitted billing records. Several entries combine accounting and monthly operating report preparation across multiple entities into single billing entries. Lumping services in this manner is disapproved because it prevents the Court from determining the necessity of each service and from evaluating whether tasks were performed within a reasonable period of time. *Thomas v. Namba (In re Thomas)*, 2009 Bankr. LEXIS 4529 (9th Cir. BAP 2009). The aggregated entries impede the Court's ability to determine the overall reasonableness of the requested compensation.

In addition, certain entries reflect activities that appear clerical in nature, including downloading and organizing transactions and documents. Clerical services are properly chargeable as overhead and not to the bankruptcy estate. *In re Sonicblue, Inc.*, 2006 Bankr. LEXIS 1576 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2006); *In re Michael J. Schneider*, 2007 Bankr. LEXIS 3652 (2007). The billing records do not sufficiently distinguish clerical activities from compensable professional services.

These concerns do not constitute a finding that the services were unnecessary. Rather, the present billing format does not permit the Court to determine whether the services were actual, necessary, and reasonably performed under § 330. Although an objecting party bears the burden to specify objectionable tasks, see *Bartenwerfer v. Buckley (In re Bartenwerfer)*, 613 B.R. 730 (9th Cir. BAP 2020), the Court's independent duty to review fee applications requires sufficient detail to evaluate reasonableness.

Accordingly, the hearing is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. permit the applicant to submit revised billing records and a supplemental declaration by no later than February 24, 2026 that:

1. Separates lumped entries into discrete tasks sufficient to permit review;
2. Identifies and segregates clerical activities;
3. Clarifies allocation of time among entities and functions; and

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4. Provides sufficient detail to allow evaluation of necessity and reasonableness under § 330.

Appearances for the 2/17 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Rajiv P Sitwala

Represented By

Michael R Totaro

Maureen J Shanahan

Movant(s):

Rajiv P Sitwala

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Hearing RE: Motion Of Chapter 7 Trustee To Disallow Homestead Exemption Of The Debtor Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 522(g)
(Motion filed 2/13/2026)

Docket 71

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26 is to GRANT.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

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Movant to lodge an order within seven (7) days.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Xiaoyu Ma

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
Nanette D Sanders

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Hearing RE: Motion Of Chapter 7 Trustee For Order Approving Compromise And Settlement With Defendant Xingya Lou Of Adversary Proceeding Styled Thomas H. Casey, Chapter 7 Trustee, v. Xingya Lou, Adversary Proceeding No. 8:24-ap-01077
(Motion filed 2/13/2026)

Docket 74

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26 is to GRANT.

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Movant to lodge an order within seven (7) days.

Party Information

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CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Objection To Claim:
(Motion filed 5/3/2025)

[Case Reassigned from TA on 5-12-25]

Claim No. 9-1 Sridhar Capital Advisors, LP \$1,047,783.78

FR: 6-3-25; 6-18-25; 11-19-25; 1-29-26

Docket 179

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

In light of the statements in Debtor's Status Report [Dk. 326], this matter is deemed WITHDRAWN.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 6/18/25:

In light of the pendency of the State Court Action, this matter is CONTINUED to November 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. with a status report due 14 days in advance which must address the status of the State Court Action.

Appearances for the 6/18 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Cristelle Steenson Arenal

Represented By
Michael G Spector
Vicki L Schennum
Sarah E Shapero

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Trustee(s):

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CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE RE: Hearing RE: Objection To Claim:

Claim No. 14 Mark Bernardi \$146,000.00

FR: 8-20-25; 9-10-25; 11-20-25; 1-29-26

Docket 247

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

In light of the statements in Debtor's Status Report [Dk. 327], this matter is deemed WITHDRAWN.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 9/10/25:

The Court is inclined to set this matter for an evidentiary hearing on November 20, 2025, at 9:30 a.m. on the issue of whether Claimant, Dr. Mark Bernardi, is a "creditor" (i.e., whether he extended 5 or more secured loans within a year) within the meaning of TILA and therefore subject to TILA's requirements.

Debtor Cristelle Arenal objects to the proof of claim filed by Dr. Mark Bernardi in the amount of \$146,000, arguing the loan is void for lack of a California lending license and that it constitutes a "high-cost mortgage" under TILA, entitling her to significant offsets. Dr. Bernardi argues this was a one-time personal loan outside licensing requirements and that Debtor's offsets are unsupported.

Debtor has not shown Dr. Bernardi was "in the business" of lending, so the licensing argument fails. However, because the loan was secured by Debtor's

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owner-occupied residence and carried unusually high charges, Debtor raises a colorable TILA issue. The record is insufficient to resolve whether Dr. Bernardi qualifies as a "creditor" under TILA or whether Debtor is entitled to the offsets she claims.

Appearances are required.

Tentative for 8/20/25:

This matter is CONTINUED to September 10, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. to permit Debtor to file a supplemental declaration addressing the following:

1. The amount and characterization of finance charges, broker fees, and attorney's fees in support of the alternative request to allow the claim in the amount of \$407.08; and
2. Whether Bernardi was required to hold, and in fact held, a valid California finance lender's license or qualified for an exemption.

The Supplemental Declaration must be filed by no later than August 29, 2025. Mr. Bernardi may file a response to the Supplemental Declaration by no later than September 4, 2025.

Appearances for the 8/20 hearing are not permitted.

Party Information

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Vicki L Schennum
Sarah E Shapero

Movant(s):

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CONT'D Hearing RE: Chapter 7 Trustee's Motion For Order Reclassifying Claims Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 502: (Motion filed 1/2/2026)

Claim No. 5-1 GTX LLC \$137,905.00

Claim No. 12-1 Vasilios Gregory Kleftis IRA \$75,000.00

FR: 2-3-26

Docket 74

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection as to the following remaining claims:

Claim No 5-1 GTX LLC \$137,905.00
Claim No. 12-1 Vasilios Gregory Kleftis IRA \$75,000.00

These objections are unopposed. Trustee is to lodge an order within seven days.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

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Movant to lodge an order within seven (7) days.

Tentative for 2/3/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection in part and CONTINUE the Objection in part, as set forth below.

1. The Objection is SUSTAINED as to the following claims:

Claim No. 4-1	Joseph Tran	\$134,373.00
Claim No. 7-1	Mark S. Wilson	\$25,000.00
Claim No. 13-1	Kimberly A. Davis, CRNA	\$27,500.00

These objections are unopposed. Trustee is to lodge an order within seven days.

2. The Objection is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. as to the following claims:

Claim No 5-1	GTX LLC	\$137,905.00
Claim No. 12-1	Vasilios Gregory Kleftis IRA	\$75,000.00

The docket does not reflect service upon these claimants pursuant to LBR 3007-1(b)(2) and FRBP 7004(b)(3). Trustee is to effectuate proper service

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and file and serve a Notice of Continuance, containing an appropriate proof of service, by no later than February 10, 2026.

Appearances for the 2/3 hearing are excused.

Party Information

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Movant(s):

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CONT'D Hearing RE: Chapter 7 Trustee's Motion For Order Reclassifying Claims Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 502: (Motion filed 1/2/2026)

Claim No. 19-1	The Babak And Nazila Maghaddam Living Trust	\$92,790.00
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FR: 2-3-26

Docket 82

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection as to the following, remaining claim:

Claim No. 19-1	The Babak And Nazila Maghaddam Living Trust	\$92,790.00
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The objection is unopposed. Trustee is to lodge an order within seven days.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

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Movant to lodge an order within seven (7) days.

Tentative for 2/3/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection in part and CONTINUE the Objection in part, as set forth below.

1. The Objection is SUSTAINED as to the following claims:

Claim No. 16-1	Joseph Trilk	\$25,000.00
Claim No. 17-1	David Force	\$20,000.00
Claim No. 18-1	Greta Jo	\$25,000.00
Claim No. 22-1	Gwo Shinn Lee	\$356,000.00
Claim No. 23-1	NKDW Investments, LLC	\$68,136.00
Claim No. 24-1	Daniel Wu	\$775,000.00

These objections are unopposed. Trustee is to lodge an order within seven days.

2. The Objection is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. as to the following claim:

Claim No. 19-1	The Babak And Nazila Maghaddam Living Trust	\$92,790.00
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The docket does not reflect service upon this claimant to the attention of an individual. Trustee is to effectuate proper service and file and serve a Notice of Continuance, containing an appropriate proof of service, by no later than February 10, 2026.

Appearances for the 2/3 hearing are excused.

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CONT'D Hearing RE: Chapter 7 Trustee's Motion For Order Disallowing And Reclassifying Claims Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 502: (Motion filed 1/2/2026)

Claim No. 40-1 2002 Ignat Family Trust \$168,000.00

FR: 2-3-26

Docket 103

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection as to the following, remaining claim:

Claim No. 40-1 2002 Ignat Family Trust \$168,000.00

The objection is unopposed. Trustee is to lodge an order within seven days.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

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Movant to lodge an order within seven (7) days.

Tentative for 2/3/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection in part and CONTINUE the Objection in part, as set forth below.

1. The Objection is SUSTAINED as to the following claims:

Claim No. 6-1	Oscar Munoz	\$224,000.00
Claim No. 15-2	Oscar Munoz	\$200,000.00
Claim No. 34-1	Valentin Ignat	\$275,226.00
Claim No. 39-1	Valentin Ignat	\$107,226.00

These objections are unopposed. Trustee is to lodge an order within seven days.

2. The Objection is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. as to the following claim:

Claim No. 40-1	2002 Ignat Family Trust	\$168,000.00
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The docket does not reflect service upon this claimant to the attention of an individual. Trustee is to effectuate proper service and file and serve a Notice of Continuance, containing an appropriate proof of service, by no later than February 10, 2026.

Appearances for the 2/3 hearing are excused.

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Reclassifying Claims Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 502:
(Motion filed 1/2/2026)
(Amended Motion filed 2/11/2026)

Claim No. 14-1	Peggy Wingard	\$200,000.00
Claim No. 35-1	Kanani Living Trust Dated 4/1/10	\$124,236.00
Claim No. 37-1	Joseph Chuan	\$362,000.00
Claim No. 38-1	Steven Abramson	\$275,652.00

FR: 2-3-26

Docket 135

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to April 21, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The docket does not reflect service of the Amended Motion [Dk. 135] upon the claimants. Trustee is to effectuate proper service of the Amended Motion and file and serve a Notice of Continuance, containing an appropriate proof of service, by no later than March 24, 2026.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 2/3/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026, at 11:00 a.m. The filed claim objection [Dk. 98] is missing pages 2-5. Trustee is to effectuate proper service of a full motion and file and serve a Notice of Continuance, containing an

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appropriate proof of service, by no later than February 10, 2026.

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Hearing RE: Chapter 7 Trustee's Motion For Order Disallowing Claim No. 16
Filed by Tifani Brozowski And Danny Brozowski, Or In The Alternative, Allowing
As Late Filed Claims Subordinated To All Timely Filed Claims
(Motion filed 2/9/2026)

Claim No. 16 Tifani Brozowski And Danny Brozowski \$10,000.00

Docket 67

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26 is to SUSTAIN the Objection and subordinate the claim.

Note: This matter appears to be uncontested. Accordingly, no court appearance by Movant is required. Should an opposing party file a late opposition or appear at the hearing, the Court will determine whether further hearing is required and Movant will be so notified.

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Movant to lodge an order within seven (7) days.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Steven Andrew Dixon

Represented By
Michael N Nicastro

Joint Debtor(s):

Jessica Kelly Dixon

Represented By
Michael N Nicastro

Movant(s):

Karen S Naylor (TR)

Pro Se

Trustee(s):

Karen S Naylor (TR)

Pro Se

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CONT'D Hearing RE: Motion For Order Compelling Turnover Of Property And Documents
(Motion filed 8/19/2025)

FR: 9-9-25; 9-25-25; 1-6-26

Docket 26

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

The Court is inclined to GRANT turnover of the Summerwind Property. As for the date for turnover, the Court is inclined to require Debtor to deliver possession of the Summerwind Property to the Chapter 7 Trustee within thirty (30) days of the entry of an order granting the Motion, but would like to hear from Trustee on the issue.

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Jona Roberts

Represented By
Bert Briones
Martina A Slocomb

Movant(s):

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR)

Represented By
Tinho Mang

Trustee(s):

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR)

Represented By
Tinho Mang

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8:26-10106 Craig C Butler

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#12.00

Hearing RE: Motion Of United States Trustee To: (1) Order Counsel To File A 2016(b) Statement And (2) Determine Whether Compensation Paid To Counsel Was Excessive Under 11 U.S.C. Section 329 And F.R.B.P. 2017 (Motion filed 2/12/2026)

Docket 18

*** VACATED *** REASON: OFF CALENDAR PER VOLUNTARY DISMISSAL OF U.S. TRUSTEE'S MOTION TO DETERMINE WHETHER FEES WERE EXCESSIVE UNDER 11 U.S.C. SECTION 329 AND F.R.B.P. 2017; AND, TO ORDER COUNSEL TO FILE A 2016(B) STATEMENT FILED 3-5-2026 - (DOCKET NO. [23])

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Craig C Butler

Represented By
Stephen R Wade

Movant(s):

United States Trustee (SA)

Represented By
Kenneth Miskin

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Pro Se

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8:26-10216 Avenatti & Associates APC

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STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Chapter 7 Involuntary Petition
(Petition filed 1/26/2026)

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter will be heard jointly with matter #14. The parties should be prepared to discuss, *inter alia*, the following:

1. Whether the petition satisfies § 303(b), including the potential number of creditors/claim holders and whether the Alleged Debtor has fewer than twelve holders of claims for purposes of § 303(b)(2), and therefore whether a single petitioning creditor is sufficient. Having reviewed the dockets of Eagan Avenatti ("EA"), Star Indemnity, and the criminal forfeiture proceeding, at a minimum, the following creditors appear to exist:

- a. Jason Frank Law
- b. Alexis Gardner
- c. Stoll, Nusbaum & Polakov APC
- d. Spring Creek Research, LLC
- e. Starr Indemnity & Liability Company
- f. Internal Revenue Service
- g. Richard Marshack, as the Chapter 7 Trustee of the Eagan Avenatti, LLP

The Court further notes that Findings of Fact and Conclusions of Law entered October 31, 2024 in the related *Marshack v. Honda Aircraft* adversary proceeding, Adv. No. 8:20-ap-01150 as Dk. 297 concerning the Subject Aircraft and related transfers describe the Alleged Debtor as the entity that initially contracted to purchase the aircraft and the entity that (directly or through Passport 420) received the benefit of the transfers, while EA allegedly received no reasonably equivalent value. The findings also describe extensive

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unpaid obligations at the time of the transfers, including significant IRS obligations and other creditor claims. Although those findings arise in the EA matter and do not, standing alone, establish that each such creditor holds a qualifying claim against the Alleged Debtor for purposes of § 303(b), they provide a concrete basis for the Court to question whether the Alleged Debtor in fact has fewer than twelve claim holders and to require an evidentiary showing on creditor count rather than assume § 303(b)(2) is satisfied.

2. Whether and on what schedule any party intends to seek dismissal, abstention, and/or remand and a proposed scheduling order, including the following proposed deadlines:

- a. Deadline to conduct discovery, if necessary: May 20, 2026
- b. Deadline to file any motion to dismiss, abstain, and/or remand: June 1, 2026

3. A continued status conference date of June 30 ,2026, at 1:30 p.m.

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Debtor(s):

Avenatti & Associates APC

Pro Se

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Adv#: 8:26-01023 Starr Indemnity and Liability Company v. Avenatti et al

#14.00

STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Plaintiff Starr Indemnity & Liability Company's Complaint For Declaratory Relief, Rescission And Interpleader (Complaint filed 9/6/2019)
(Case Transferred from U.S. District Court on 2/3/2026)

Docket 0

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

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Debtor(s):

Avenatti & Associates APC Pro Se

Defendant(s):

Michael J Avenatti Pro Se

Avenatti and Associates, APC Pro Se

Passport 420, LLC Represented By
Lawrence J Conlan

Spring Creek Research, LLC Represented By
Lawrence J Conlan

Alexis Gardner Represented By
Filippo Marchino
Damon L Rogers
Thomas Edward Gray

United States Of America Represented By
Steven R Welk
Joanne I Schwartz

William Parrish Represented By
Lawrence J Conlan

Does 1-25, Inclusive Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Starr Indemnity and Liability Represented By
Ralph S LaMontagne Jr
Michael J Terhar
Eric A Amador

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8:23-11489 True Pharmastrip, Inc.

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#14.10

Hearing RE: First Interim Application For Approval Of Fees And Reimbursement of Expenses For The Period From November 13, 2024 Through January 31, 2026
(Motion filed 2/25/2026)

**[RE: LESNICK PRINCE PAPPAS & ALVERSON LLP - Special Litigation
Counsel For Chapter 7 Trustee]
[Fees: \$30,949.00; Expenses: \$20.00]**

Docket 173

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. to permit the Applicant to submit revised billing by no later than March 31, 2026, as set forth below.

The Court has reviewed the First Interim Application of Lesnick Prince Pappas & Alverson LLP ("LPPA"), the supporting declaration, and the billing records. As presented, the Court is unable to determine the reasonableness and compensability of all amounts requested under 11 U.S.C. § 330. *In re Auto Parts Club, Inc.*, 211 B.R. 29, 33 (9th Cir. BAP 1997). Revised billing is required for at least the following reasons.

First, LPPA appears to seek compensation for time incurred before April 18, 2025, which is the effective date of employment [See order entered May 8, 2025 [Dk. 152]]. (Examples: 11/13/24 and 11/14/24 drafting the employment application; 3/23/25 legal research re client files).

Second, LPPA seeks compensation for work relating to its own employment application in this chapter 7 case, which is generally trustee work absent a showing otherwise, which has not been provided. See *In re Garcia*, 335 B.R. 717, 725 (9th Cir. BAP 2005). (Examples: 4/18/25 notice/exhibits/filing of

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employment application; 5/7/25 declaration and proposed employment order).

Third, several entries appear clerical or administrative. See *In re Sonicblue, Inc.*, 2006 Bankr. LEXIS 1576 (Bankr. N.D. Cal. 2006). (Examples: 6/25/25 proof of service; 7/3/25 calendaring; 10/2/25 lodging default judgment and filing NOL).

Fourth, several entries lump compensable and noncompensable tasks together. *Thomas v. Namba (In re Thomas)*, 2009 Bankr. Lexis 4529 (9th Cir. BAP 2009). (Example: 11/25/25, 3.3 hours, combining correspondence, rules review, drafting the joint status report, Rule 26(f) conference, and filing).

Fifth, some entries are not facially tied to LPPA's approved role as special litigation counsel. See *Garcia*, 335 B.R. at 724-25. (Examples: 5/5/25 research re debtor address and emails re OSC; 5/20/25 review of motion to appoint interim trustee).

Accordingly, the hearing is continued to April 21, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. By No later than March 31, 2026, LPPA shall file and serve: (1) a revised Exhibit A showing, for each entry, the revised amount actually sought; and (2) a revised category summary showing the original amount sought, the amount withdrawn or reduced, and the revised amount sought.

The revised billing shall: (a) remove all pre-April 18, 2025 entries, unless LPPA identifies specific language in the employment order authorizing compensation for earlier services; (b) remove, or separately identify and specifically justify, all time relating to LPPA's own employment application and employment order; (c) remove all clerical or administrative tasks, including filing, service, calendaring, notice, and similar work; (d) break out any lumped entries so compensable and noncompensable work are separately stated, or withdraw the noncompensable portion; and (e) for any entry not facially tied to LPPA's role as special litigation counsel, identify the specific litigation claim, adversary proceeding, or contested matter to which the entry relates and explain why the work required special litigation counsel.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing will not be permitted.

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Debtor(s):

True Pharmastrip, Inc.

Pro Se

Movant(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
Timothy J Yoo
Christopher E Prince
Carmela Pagay

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
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CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint For:

1. Intentional Misrepresentation -- Count One;
 2. Intentional Misrepresentation -- Count Two;
 3. Intentional Misrepresentation -- Count Three;
 4. Conversion;
 5. Breach Of Fiduciary Duty;
 6. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 727(a)(3);
 7. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 727(a)(5);
 8. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 523(a)(2); And
 9. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 523(a)(4)
- (Complaint filed 9/23/2022)

FR: 10-05-23; 10-12-23; 5-9-24; 5-30-24; 12-12-24; 6-5-25; 8-19-25; 12-16-25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

Due to the statements in the Status Report [Dk. 55], this matter does not appear ripe for scheduling. Thus, this matter is CONTINUED to June 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. with a status report due 14 days in advance which addresses the status of the state court action.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing are excused.

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Appearances for the 12/16 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 8/19/25:

This matter is CONTINUED to December 16, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. with a status report due 14 days in advance which addresses the status of the state court action.

Appearances for the 8/19 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 6/5/25:

The Court notes that this adversary has been stayed pending resolution of a State Court Action, which remains pending. This matter is therefore CONTINUED to August 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. with a status report due 14 days in advance.

The status report must detail the current posture of the State Court Action and the steps the parties are taking to ensure the matter is resolved efficiently.

Appearances for the 6/5 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Craig Chang

Represented By
John M Boyko

Defendant(s):

Craig Chang

Represented By
John M Boyko

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Plaintiff(s):

Hainan Guanghai Group USA

Represented By
Helen W Quan
Carrie Kane Chan
John M Boyko

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Pro Se

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CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Plaintiff's Fourth Amended Complaint:

1. To Determine The Non-Dischargeability Of Debtor's Debt Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A);
2. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 523(a)(4);
3. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 727(a)(3); And
4. Declaratory Relief Regarding The Non-Dischargeability Of The Debt Under Section 727(a)(5).

(Fourth Amended Complaint filed 12/25/2024)

[Reassigned from TA 5-12-2025]

(S/C set at PTC held 12/16/25)

FR: 10-03-24; 11-07-24; 11-21-24; 3-6-25; 3-13-25; 6-12-25; 8-19-25; 12-16-25

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Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

As this matter overlaps with *Hainan Guanghua Group USA v. Chang*, Adv. No. 22-01085, which is stayed pending the resolution of a state court proceeding, to prevent the risk of inconsistent rulings by different forums, this matter is CONTINUED to June 16, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. with a status report due 14 days in advance which addresses the status of the state court action.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing are excused.

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Appearances for the 8/19 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 6/12/25:

As this matter overlaps with *Hainan Guanghua Group USA v. Chang*, Adv. No. 22-01085, which is stayed pending the resolution of a state court proceeding, to prevent the risk of inconsistent rulings by different forums, this matter is CONTINUED to August 19, 2025, at 1:30 p.m. No further pleadings may be filed in this matter.

Appearances for the 6/12 hearing will not be permitted.

Tentative for March 13, 2025

Pursuant to an order approving a stipulation to continue discovery and pre-trial motion deadlines, the discovery cutoff was May 12, 2024 and the last day for pre-trial motions was May 19, 2024. The court sees no compelling reason to continue those dates. Pretrial conference is scheduled May 29 at 10:00

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a.m.. Joint pretrial stipulation is required timely per LBRs. *Appearance required.*

Tentative for November 21, 2024
See #10. *Appearance required.*

Tentative for November 7, 2024
Status conference continued to: November 21, 2024 at 11:00 a.m. to coincide with Rule 12 motion. *Appearance required.*

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Craig Chang

Represented By
John M Boyko

Defendant(s):

Craig Chang

Represented By
John M Boyko

Plaintiff(s):

Arthur Fransen

Represented By
Mary Liu

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

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1. Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers To Insiders;
 2. Avoidance Of Preferential Transfers Made Within 90 Days Of Petition Date;
 3. Avoidance Of Intentionally Fraudulent Transfer;
 4. Avoidance Of Constructively Fraudulent Transfer;
 5. Avoidance Of Constructively Fraudulent Transfer;
 6. Quiet Title;
 7. For Sale Of Interest Of Any Co-Owner; And
 8. Preservation Of Avoided Transfers
- (Complaint filed 8/9/2024)

FR: 11-05-24; 1-14-25; 4-1-25; 7-29-25; 10-28-25

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: CONTINUED TO OCTOBER 27, 2026 AT
1:30 P.M. PER ORDER APPROVING STIPULATION BETWEEN
PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANT BREEZE VILLAS HOMEOWNERS
ASSOCIATION TO CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE ENTERED 3-4-
2026 - (DOCKET NO. [58])**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Thai D Tran	Pro Se
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Defendant(s):

Trung Ngoc Nguyen	Pro Se
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Kimberly Ahn Tran	Pro Se
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Breeze Villas Condominiums	Represented By Reem J Bello Robert P Goe
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Joint Debtor(s):

Tuyen T Tran

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Jeffrey I. Golden

Represented By
Jeffrey S Shinbrot

Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By
Jeffrey S Shinbrot

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8:23-10014 Giang Thanh Dong

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01295 Casey v. CA PROPMGT LLC, a California limited liability com

#18.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint:
(1) Sale Of Properties Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 363(h)
(2) Turnover Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 542(a)
(Complaint filed 9/18/2025)

FR: 1-6-26

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

In light of the pending appeal in the related adversary proceeding, *Casey v. Dong, et al.*, Adv. No. 8:23-ap-01035-SC, this matter is CONTINUED to June 16, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance, addressing the status of the appeal and its effect, if any, on further proceedings in this adversary.

The Court notes that no status report was filed for the 3/17 hearing as required by the order entered December 18, 2025 [Dk. 6]. The Court will excuse the non-compliance in this instance, but will require compliance moving forward.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Giang Thanh Dong

Represented By
Joseph A Weber
Fritz J Firman

Defendant(s):

CA PROPMGT LLC, a California

Represented By

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Chapter 7

Fritz J Firman

Joint Debtor(s):

Mary Tran Nguyen

Represented By
Joseph A Weber
Fritz J Firman

Plaintiff(s):

Thomas H. Casey

Represented By
Nathan F Smith

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
Arturo Cisneros
Nathan F Smith

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8:23-10820 Huan Minh Cao

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:24-01117 MonsterPeeps LLC et al v. Cao

#19.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint Objecting To Dischargeability Of Debt And Debtor's Discharge [11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A) And (a)(6) And Section 727(a)(2),(a)(3) and (a)(4)(A)]
[Reassigned From TA On 5/12/2025]

FR: 11-14-24; 1-09-25; 3-27-25 advanced from 11-6-25; 11-4-25; 1-20-26

Docket 2

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to June 1, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance. The status report should discuss the status of the underlying state court action.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 1/20/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance. The status report should discuss the status of the underlying state court action.

Appearances at the 1/20 hearing are excused.

Tentative for March 27, 2025
See #12. *Appearance required.*

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Tentative for January 9, 2025
No status report, why? No motion/OSC regarding abstention as earlier
referenced submitted either Dismiss? *Appearance required.*

Tentative for November 14, 2024
Status Conference continued to: December 12, 2024 at 10:00 a.m. to coincide
with OSC re abstention in favor of state court litigation, as intimated by
plaintiff. *Appearance required.*

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Huan Minh Cao

Represented By
Bert Briones

Defendant(s):

Huan Minh Cao

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

MonsterPeeps LLC

Represented By
Maggie Elyse Schroedter
Mary R Robberson
Rachel Garrard

Wozniak Distribution, LLC

Represented By
Maggie Elyse Schroedter
Mary R Robberson
Rachel Garrard

Trustee(s):

Weneta M.A. Kosmala (TR)

Represented By
Ryan W Beall
Jeffrey I Golden

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8:23-11489 True Pharmastrip, Inc.

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01243 Casey v. Spertus Landes & Josephs LLP et al

#20.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint For:
1. Declaratory Relief Against Spertus Landes & Josephs LLP, Michael William Kinney And Litigation And Business Law Group, Inc.;;
2. Professional Negligency (Legal Malpractice) Spertus Landes & Josephs LLP, Michael William Kinney And Litigation And Business Law Group, Inc.;;
3. Breach Of Fiduciary Duty Against Defendant Michael William Kinney;
4. Avoidance, Recovery, And Preservation Of 4-Year Constructive Fraudulent Transfer Against Spertus Landes & Josephs LLP, Michael William Kinney And Litigation And Business Law Group, Inc.;;
5. Avoidance, Recovery, And Preservation Of Post-Petition Transfer Against Spertus Landes & Josephs LLP;
6. Turnover Of Estate Property
(Complaint filed 6/12/2025)
(Another Summons issued 9/10/2025)
(Counter-Claim For Quantum Meruit filed 10/9/2025)

FR: 9-2-25; 10-28-25; 12-9-25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is continued to June 16, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 12/9/25:

This matter is continued to March 17, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance.

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The Court does not typically set mediation deadlines. The parties are encouraged to use any of procedures, provisions, or programs set out in the Local Rules, Appendix III to the Local Rules, and the Court's website with respect to any mediation.

Appearances at the 12/9 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

True Pharmastrip, Inc. Pro Se

Defendant(s):

Spertus Landes & Josephs LLP Represented By
Patrick A Maher

Litigation and Business Law Group, Represented By
Michael W Kinney

Michael William Kinney Represented By
Michael W Kinney

Plaintiff(s):

Thomas H. Casey Represented By
Christopher E Prince
Lisa Patel

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR) Represented By
Timothy J Yoo
Christopher E Prince

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8:24-11970 Noha Mahmoud Fawzy Wagdy

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:24-01126 Wagdy v. US Department of Education

#21.00

CONT'D PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint by Plaintiff: Noha Mahmoud Fawzy Wagdy against Defendant: US Department of Education - Dischargeability - 523(a)(8), student loan (Another Summons issued 12/19/2024) (Another Summons issued 1/17/2025) (PTC set at S/C held 4-22-25)

FR: 12-17-24; 4-22-25

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: OFF CALENDAR PER JUDGMENT
PURSUANT TO STIPULATION FOR ENTRY OF JUDGMENT ENTERED
7-23-2025 - (DOCKET NO. [23])**

Tentative Ruling:

- NONE LISTED -

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Noha Mahmoud Fawzy Wagdy	Pro Se
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Defendant(s):

US Department of Education	Represented By Gavin L Greene
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Plaintiff(s):

Noha Mahmoud Fawzy Wagdy	Represented By Richard L. Sturdevant
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Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)	Pro Se
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8:24-12484 Pamyla Suzette Laun

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01001 Ho v. Laun

#22.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint For The Non-Dischargeability Debt Pursuant to 11 U.S.C Sections 523(a)(2)(A), (a)(4), And (a)(6)
(Complaint filed 1/2/2025)

FR: 4-1-25; 8-19-25; 10-28-25; 1-27-26

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter has been resolved by a stipulation for dismissal [Dk. 16]; Plaintiff is to lodge an order within seven days.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing are not required.

Tentative for 1/27/26:

In light of the statements contained in the Joint Status Report filed August 5, 2025, this matter is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. If this matter is not otherwise resolved, a joint status report is due 14 days in advance.

The Court notes that no status report was filed for the 1/27 hearing as required by the order entered October 22, 2025 [Dk. 12]. The Court will excuse the non-compliance in this instance, but will require compliance moving forward.

Appearances for the 1/27 hearing are excused.

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Chapter 7

Debtor(s):

Pamyla Suzette Laun

Represented By
James Patrick Doan

Defendant(s):

Pamyla Suzette Laun

Represented By
Steven J Cooper

Plaintiff(s):

Philip Y Ho

Represented By
Lloyd S Mann

Trustee(s):

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Represented By
Jacob Newsum-Bothamley
Yosina M Lissebeck

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8:24-13121 Howard Chueh

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01118 Wang v. Chueh

#23.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Amended Adversary Complaint
To Determine Non-Dischargeability Of Debt Under Section 523
(Complaint filed 3/11/2025)
(Amended Complaint filed 7/18/2025)

FR: 6-3-25; 7-1-25; 7-15-25; 8-5-25; 10-28-25; 12-9-25

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

The Court is inclined to set the following dates/deadlines:

1. Discovery cutoff: June 19, 2026. Note: this is the date by which all discovery motions must be heard and resolved.
2. Motion cutoff: July 17, 2026. Note: this is the date by which all non-discovery motions must be heard and resolved.
3. Pretrial conference: August 4, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a joint proposed pretrial stipulation due 14 days in advance.

The parties are specifically advised to cooperate and follow all local and federal rules. The failure to do so may result in the imposition of monetary and non-monetary sanctions, including the striking of the answer and dismissal of the complaint.

Plaintiff is to lodge a scheduling order within seven (7) days.

Virtual appearances are required. The hearing will take place using Zoom for Government, a free service that provides audioconference and videoconference capabilities. Only the parties, including counsels, their

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clients, and pro se individuals, may virtually join the hearing. No testimony, however, will be permitted unless specifically authorized by the Court either prior to, or during, the hearing. Parties virtually appearing should consult the NOTICE OF VIDEO AND TELEPHONIC APPEARANCE PROCEDURES FOR JUDGE SCOTT CLARKSON'S CASES for specific procedures and further information.

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Meeting ID: 161 056 2874

Password: 441609

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Howard Chueh

Represented By
Clifford Bordeaux

Defendant(s):

Howard Chueh

Represented By
Baruch C Cohen

Plaintiff(s):

Julie Wang

Represented By
Gary M Jackson
Jeffrey J. Neslund

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-10187 Rouben Aleksandr Simonian

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01230 Merzlyakov v. Simonian

#24.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Second Amended Adversary
Complaint Objecting To Entry Of Discharge Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section
523(a)(4) And (a)(6)
(Complaint filed 4/28/2025)
(First Amended Complaint filed 7/15/2025)
(Second Amended Complaint filed 9/19/2025)
[Section 523(a)(4) Claim dismissed w/o Leave to Amend - dk. 53]

FR: 7-15-25; 9-16-25; 10-14-25; 1-20-26

Docket 30

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

The Court is inclined to set the following dates/deadlines:

1. Discovery cutoff: July 10, 2026. Note: this is the date by which all discovery motions must be heard and resolved.
2. Motion cutoff: August 7, 2026. Note: this is the date by which all non-discovery motions must be heard and resolved.
3. Pretrial conference: September 1, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a joint proposed pretrial stipulation due 14 days in advance.

The parties are specifically advised to cooperate and follow all local and federal rules. The failure to do so may result in the imposition of monetary and non-monetary sanctions, including the striking of the answer and dismissal of the complaint.

Plaintiff is to lodge a scheduling order within seven (7) days.

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Rouben Aleksandr Simonian

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Rouben Aleksandr Simonian

Represented By
Vahe Khojayan

Defendant(s):

Rouben Aleksandr Simonian

Represented By
Vahe Khojayan
John H Ray III

Plaintiff(s):

Evgeny Merzlyakov

Represented By
Donna R Dishbak
John H Ray III
Vahe Khojayan

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Trustee(s):

Richard A Marshack (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-10203 Mindy Nelson

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01300 Casey, solely in his capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee v. Nelson et al

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CONT'D Hearing RE: Plaintiff's Motion For Default Judgment Under LBR 7055-1 Against Patrick Nelson
(Motion filed 11/21/2025)

FR: 12-16-25; 2-3-26

Docket 8

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

The Court is inclined to ALLOW in part and REDUCE in part Plaintiff's request for attorneys' fees and costs caused by Defendant Patrick Nelson's default.

The Court has an independent duty to review reasonableness, and professionals must exercise billing judgment. See 11 U.S.C. § 330; *In re Hunt*, 238 F.3d 1098, 1105 (9th Cir. 2001); *In re Auto Parts Club, Inc.*, 211 B.R. 29, 33 (9th Cir. BAP 1997). An objecting party must identify the specific tasks challenged. *Bartenwerfer v. Buckley (In re Bartenwerfer)*, 613 B.R. 730 (9th Cir. BAP 2020).

As reduced by the interlineations, the remaining fees are directed primarily to compensable legal work, namely obtaining entry of default, preparing the motion for default judgment, and responding to Defendant's motion to set aside default. The Court is nevertheless inclined to reduce as follows:

First, the requested Westlaw charges of \$3,530.39 are insufficiently supported because the expense summary reflects only aggregate charges and does not identify the specific research performed or whether the charges reflect actual incremental expense. See 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1)(B); *Auto Parts Club*, 211 B.R. at 33.

Second, the settlement-related entries totaling \$533.50 do not appear to be

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fees and costs caused by the default.

Third, the November 6, 2025 entry billing 0.5 hours at *partner* rates (\$362.50) to research Facebook, Instagram, and PeopleFinders for SCRA purposes appears excessive for a routine task, and the Court is inclined to reduce that entry by \$212.50. See 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(3); *Auto Parts Club*, 211 B.R. at 33.

Fourth, the December 12, 2025 entry by Mr. Yoo billing \$300.00 to review emails from Debtor's counsel and a schedule of assets filed in the divorce proceeding regarding the subject property, does not, on its face, appear to constitute fees and costs caused by the default.

Fifth, the December 12, 2025 entry by Mr. Yoo billing \$300.00 for review of Defendant's motion to set aside default and declaration, because Mr. Steelman separately billed that same day to analyze the same motion and supporting declaration, and Plaintiff has not shown on this record that both reviews were necessary.

The Court is not inclined to impose a further across-the-board reduction based on Defendant's broader objections to "strategizing," duplication, or drafting time. Although some remaining entries reflect multiple professionals' involvement, the record does not permit the Court to quantify any additional duplicated portion with precision, and Defendant's broader percentage-disallowance request is not otherwise sufficiently supported on this record. See *Bartenwerfer*, 613 B.R. 730.

Accordingly, the Court is inclined to reduce the request by \$4,876.39 and award Plaintiff \$14,630.50.

Defendant shall pay Plaintiff \$14,630.50 within 30 days of the hearing. The hearing and status conference are CONTINUED to May 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance addressing whether payment was timely made. If Defendant fails to timely pay, the Clerk's entry of default shall remain in effect and the Court may grant the motion for default judgment.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing will not be permitted.

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Debtor(s):

Mindy Nelson

Represented By
D Edward Hays

Defendant(s):

Patrick Nelson

Represented By
Zi Chao Lin

Chicago Title Company, a California

Pro Se

Movant(s):

Thomas H. Casey, solely in his

Represented By
Richard P Steelman Jr

Plaintiff(s):

Thomas H. Casey, solely in his

Represented By
Richard P Steelman Jr

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
Timothy J Yoo
Carmela Pagay

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8:25-10203 Mindy Nelson

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01300 Casey, solely in his capacity as Chapter 7 Trustee v. Nelson et al

#26.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint For Turnover Of
Property Of The Estate
(Complaint filed 9/25/2025)
[Chicago Title Company Dismissed 12/8/2025 - dk. 19]

FR: 12-16-25; 2-3-26

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to May 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m., with a status report due 14 days in advance.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Mindy Nelson

Represented By
D Edward Hays

Defendant(s):

Patrick Nelson

Represented By
Zi Chao Lin

Chicago Title Company, a California

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Thomas H. Casey, solely in his

Represented By
Richard P Steelman Jr

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Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Represented By
Timothy J Yoo
Carmela Pagay

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8:25-10307 Steven M. Speier

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01304 Golden v. Speier et al

#27.00

CONT'D STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint For Declaratory Relief; Avoidance And Recovery Of Transfers; And Turnover (Complaint filed 9/29/2025)

FR: 12-16-25; 1-27-26

Docket 1

***** VACATED *** REASON: CONTINUED TO MAY 19, 2026 AT 1:30 P.M. PER ORDER APPROVING THIRD STIPULATION BETWEEN PLAINTIFF AND DEFENDANTS TO EXTEND DEADLINE TO ANSWER COMPLAINT AND CONTINUE STATUS CONFERENCE ENTERED 3-11-2026 - (DOCKET NO. [19])**

Tentative Ruling:

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Steven M. Speier

Represented By
Thomas J Polis

Defendant(s):

Elijah Speier

Represented By
Thomas J Polis

James S. Bosley

Represented By
Thomas J Polis

Plaintiff(s):

Jeffrey I. Golden

Represented By
Jessica L Bagdanov
Jessica Wellington

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Trustee(s):

Jeffrey I Golden (TR)

Represented By
Jessica L Bagdanov
Steven T Gubner
Jessica Wellington

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8:25-10538 Steven Rick Aguilar

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Adv#: 8:25-01244 The M.I.B Group, LLC v. Aguilar

#28.00

CONT'D PRE-TRIAL CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Plaintiff The M.I.B. Group, LLC's Complaint For:

1. Determine Dischargeability Of Plaintiff's Claims Under Sections 523(a)(2), 523(a)(4) And 523(a)(6) Of The Bankruptcy Code; And
2. Denial Of Debtor's Discharge Under Sections 727(a)(2), 727(a)(3), 727(a)(4), And 727(a)(5) Of The Bankruptcy Code
(Complaint filed 6/12/2025)
(PTC set at S/C held 9/2/2025)

FR: 9-2-25; 1-27-26

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to May 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. with a further amended pre-trial stipulation due 14 days in advance. The Parties' Amended Joint Pre-Trial Stipulation [Dk. 18] ("JPTS") remains deficient and still fails to narrow the issues for trial. Specifically, the Court notes the following:

1. the JPTS still fails to describe each claim for relief element-by-element;
the Parties still do not specify which elements are contested and which are not;
2. the JPTS does not clearly identify the claims actually to be tried;
3. the JPTS does not include a proper remedies section or any section addressing affirmative defenses;
4. the witness appendices remain incomplete and do not provide usable witness summaries or time estimates; and
5. the exhibits listed in the appendices were not attached to the stipulation as required by the Court's pre-trial instructions.

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Accordingly, the Court finds good cause to CONTINUE the pre-trial conference to May 19, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. and to require a further amended pre-trial stipulation. The Parties are reminded to cooperate and strictly comply with the Court's explicit pre-trial instructions, which may be located on the Court's website.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 1/27/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to March 17, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. with an amended pre-trial stipulation due 14 days in advance. The Parties' Joint Pre-Trial Stipulation [Dk. 15] is deficient and fails to narrow the issues for trial. Specifically, the Court notes the following:

1. the stipulation fails to describe each claim for relief element-by-element;
2. the Parties do not specify which elements are contested and which are not; and
3. the Parties fail to detail their arguments and evidence in support of their respective positions.

Accordingly, the Court finds good cause to CONTINUE the pre-trial conference to March 17, 2026 and to require an amended pre-trial stipulation. The Parties are reminded to cooperate and comply with the Court's explicit pre-trial instructions which may be located on the Court's website.

Appearances for the 1/27 hearing are excused.

Tentative for 9/2/25:

The complaint includes both §§ 523 and 727 claims. The Court granted relief from stay in the main case by an order entered August 27, 2025 [Dk. 50] to permit the resolution of a pending appeal on the § 523 claim. As to the § 727 claims, the Court is inclined to set the following dates/deadlines:

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1. Discovery cutoff: November 30, 2025. Note: this is the date by which all discovery motions must be heard and resolved.
2. Motion cutoff: December 31, 2025. Note: this is the date by which all non-discovery motions must be heard and resolved, except as to Summary Judgment motions by Plaintiff, for which the cutoff date to file was established as September 1, 2025 pursuant to the order entered August 4, 2025 [Dk. 7].
3. Pretrial conference: January 27, 2026, at 1:30 p.m.

The parties are specifically advised to cooperate and follow all local and federal rules. The failure to do so may result in the imposition of monetary and non-monetary sanctions, including the striking of the answer and dismissal of the complaint.

Plaintiff is to lodge a scheduling order within seven (7) days.

Virtual appearances are required.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Steven Rick Aguilar

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley

Defendant(s):

Steven Rick Aguilar

Represented By
Michael Poole

Plaintiff(s):

The M.I.B Group, LLC

Represented By
Thomas J Polis

Trustee(s):

Karen S Naylor (TR)

Represented By
Thomas H Casey

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8:25-12818 Maria Ericka Zamora

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:25-01321 Mahle et al v. Zamora

#29.00

STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Creditors Elizabeth Mahle's And Pedro Zamora's Adversary Complaint To Determine Non-Dischargeability Of Debtor's Debt Pursuant To Bankruptcy Code Section 523(a)(2)
(Complaint filed 12/29/2025)

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

This matter is CONTINUED to June 2, 2026 at 1:30 p.m. with a status report due 14 days in advance. By no later than April 15, 2026, Plaintiffs are to file a motion for default judgment, which may be determined with or without a hearing pursuant to the applicable local rules, at Plaintiffs' election.

Appearances at the 3/17 hearing are excused.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Maria Ericka Zamora

Represented By
Ruben Fuentes

Defendant(s):

Maria Ericka Zamora

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

Elizabeth Mahle

Represented By
Gordon A Petersen

Pedro Zamora

Represented By
Gordon A Petersen

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Trustee(s):

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8:25-13205 Carlos Lopez Aguilar

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:26-01002 WEB Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah v. Aguilar

#30.00

STATUS CONFERENCE Hearing RE: Complaint To Determine
Dischargeability Of Debt Pursuant To 11 U.S.C. Section 523(a)(2)(A)
(Complaint filed 1/5/2026)

Docket 1

Tentative Ruling:

Tentative for 3/17/26:

In light of the statement contained in the Unilateral Status Report [Dk. 4] that this adversary has settled, the status conference is CONTINUED to May 19, 2026, at 1:30 p.m. If this matter has not otherwise been disposed of by the continued hearing, a status report is due 14 days in advance.

Appearances for the 3/17 hearing are not required.

Party Information

Debtor(s):

Carlos Lopez Aguilar

Represented By
Christopher J. Langley

Defendant(s):

Carlos Lopez Aguilar

Pro Se

Plaintiff(s):

WEB Bank, Salt Lake City, Utah

Represented By
Randall P Mroczynski

Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

Pro Se

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8:25-13041 Steven Sangwon Minn

Chapter 7

Adv#: 8:26-01011 Philips North America LLC et al v. Minn

#31.00

Hearing RE: Debtor And Defendant Steven Minn's Motion To Dismiss Adversary Complaint Pursuant To Federal Rules Of Civil Procedure 9(b) And 12(b)(6) (Motion filed 2/24/2026)

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***** VACATED *** REASON: OFF CALENDAR PER ORDER
VACATING HEARING ON DEFENDANT'S MOTION TO DISMISS
(DOCKET [7]) AS MOOT ENTERED 3-6-2026 - (DOCKET NO. [11])**

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Party Information

Debtor(s):

Steven Sangwon Minn

Represented By
Boksoon Christine Park

Defendant(s):

Steven Sangwon Minn

Represented By
Boksoon Christine Park

Movant(s):

Steven Sangwon Minn

Represented By
Boksoon Christine Park

Plaintiff(s):

Philips North America LLC

Represented By
Carla M Wirtschafter

Kloninklijke Philips N.V

Represented By
Carla M Wirtschafter

Philips India, LTD

Represented By
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Trustee(s):

Thomas H Casey (TR)

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