In re:

Fisker, Inc. et al,¹

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 24-11390 (TMH)

(Jointly Administered)

Objections due by: June 4, 2025 Hearing Date: June 27, 2025 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)

MOTION OF GOE FORSYTHE & HODGES LLP AND ROBERT GOE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL TO IDEAL MOTORS CORP.

Goe Forsythe & Hodges LLP and Robert Goe ("<u>GF&H</u>") move for an order under Del.

Bankr. L.R. 9010-2(b) for leave to withdraw as counsel to Ideal Motors Corp. ("<u>Ideal</u>") and in support thereof, state as follows:

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

1. The above-captioned debtors ("<u>Debtors</u>") filed voluntary petitions for relief under

chapter 11 of title 11 of the United States Code on June 19, 2024.

2. GF&H was retained as Ideal's Delaware counsel on or about July 10, 2024. Ideal

retained GF&H on an hourly fee plus costs basis.

3. On or about July 11, 2024, GF&H filed its Notice of Appearance in these cases.

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4. GF&H's work for Ideal has included, without limitation, reviewing numerous motions and filings; attending a hearing; advising the client; and engaging in negotiations on Ideal's behalf.

5. Ideal has not paid GF&H's invoices. Ideal has not responded to numerous emails.

RELIEF REQUESTED AND REASONS THEREFOR

6. The decision whether to grant an attorney's motion to withdraw from representation rests with the discretion of the Court. *Ohntrup v. Firearms Center, Inc.,* 802 F.2d 676, 679 (3d Cir. 1986); *Bayges v. SEPTA,* 887 F. Supp. 108, 110 (E.D. Pa. 1995). GF&H submits that sufficient cause exists to permit GF&H to withdraw from further representation of Ideal in this case.

7. The Model Rules of Professional Conduct ("<u>MRPC</u>") of the American Bar Association govern attorneys in this Court pursuant to Del. Bankr. L. R. 9010-1(f). Rule 1.16 of the MRPC¹ allows counsel to withdraw "if the client fails substantially to fulfill an obligation to the lawyer regarding the lawyer's services and has been given reasonable warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is fulfilled." MRPC 1.16(b)(5). The MRPC further permits counsel to withdraw if "the representation will result in an unreasonable financial burden on the lawyer or has been rendered unreasonably difficult by the client." MRPC 1.16(b)(6).

(1) withdrawal can be accomplished without material adverse effect on the interests of the client;

¹ Rule 1.16(b) of the MRPC provides:

⁽b) Except as stated in paragraph (c), a lawyer may withdraw from representing a client if:

⁽²⁾ the client persists in a course of action involving the lawyer's services that the lawyer reasonably believes is criminal or fraudulent;

⁽³⁾ the client has used the lawyer's services to perpetrate a crime or fraud;

⁽⁴⁾ the client insists upon taking action that the lawyer considers repugnant or with which the lawyer has a fundamental disagreement;

⁽⁵⁾ the client fails substantially to fulfill an obligation to the lawyer regarding the lawyer's services and has been given reasonable warning that the lawyer will withdraw unless the obligation is fulfilled;

⁽⁶⁾ the representation will result in an unreasonable financial burden on the lawyer or has been rendered unreasonably difficult by the client; or

⁽⁷⁾ other good cause for withdrawal exists.

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8. GF&H should be permitted to withdraw. Ideal has failed to pay GF&H's fees in this matter. Ideal has further failed to reimburse GF&H for its out-of-pocket costs.

9. Under Del. Bankr. L.R. 9010-2(b), counsel is required to give 14 days' prior notice of a request to withdraw to its client by certified mail. Notice of this Motion has been provided to Ideal (via email and certified mail), Debtors' counsel, counsel to the Liquidating Trustee and the Office of the United States Trustee. GF&H submits that no further notice is required.

WHEREFORE, GF&H respectfully requests that this Court issue an order substantially in the form attached hereto permitting GF&H to withdraw as counsel for Ideal in these cases.

DATED: May 21, 2025

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NOTICE OF THE

MOTION OF GOE FORSYTHE & HODGES LLP AND ROBERT GOE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL TO IDEAL MOTORS CORP.

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that Goe Forsythe & Hodges LLP and Robert Goe have filed their *Motion of Goe Forsythe & Hodges LLP and Robert Goe to Withdraw as Counsel for Ideal Motors Corp.* with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that any responses or objections to the Motion must be filed on or before **June 4**, **2025** with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware at 824 N. Market Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801. At the same time. You must serve a copy of the objection or response upon the undersigned counsel.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING TO CONSIDER APPROVAL OF THE MOTION IS SCHEDULED FOR **JUNE 27, 2025 AT 10:00 A.M. E.T.** BEFORE THE HONORABLE THOMAS M. HORAN, IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 N. MARKET STREET, THIRD FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 7, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF DEMANDED BY THE MOTION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

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Dated: May 21, 2025

Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: D.I. _____

ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF GOE FORSYTHE & HODGES LLP AND ROBERT GOE TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL TO IDEAL MOTORS CORP.

Upon consideration of the Motion of Goe Forsythe & Hodges LLP and Robert Goe to Withdraw as Counsel for Ideal Motors Corp. (the "Motion"), and having found that good cause

exists for granting the relief requested in the Motion, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. The Motion is GRANTED.
- 2. Goe Forsythe & Hodges LLP and Robert Goe shall be and are hereby

withdrawn as counsel of record for Ideal Motors Corp. in the above-captioned bankruptcy cases.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Christopher D. Loizides, hereby certify that on May 21, 2025, I did cause to be

served true and correct copies of the foregoing Motion of Goe Forsythe & Hodges LLP and

Christopher D. Loizides to Withdraw as Counsel for Ideal Motors Corp. on the parties listed on

the attached service list as indicated thereon.

Dated: May 21, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

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