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The following constitutes the order of the Court.

Signed: April 29, 2025

William J. Lafferty, III

U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
OAKLAND DIVISION**

Case No. 23-40523 WJL

Chapter 11

*In re:*THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,

Debtor.

**ORDER GRANTING THE
APPLICATION FOR THE RETENTION
OF STOUT RISIUS ROSS, LLC AS
REAL ESTATE CONSULTANT AND
EXPERT WITNESS**

[RE: Dkt. No. 1887]

Upon consideration of the *Application for Order Authorizing the Retention of Stout Risius Ross, LLC as Real Estate Consultant and Expert Witness* [Dkt. No. 1887] (the “**Application**”), through which Lowenstein Sandler LLP (“**Applicant**”), counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “**Committee**”) of the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland (the “**Debtor**”), requests entry of an order, under sections 327, 330 and 1103 of title 11 of the United

1 States Code (the “**Bankruptcy Code**”) and Rule 2014 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy
2 Procedure (the “**Bankruptcy Rules**”), authorizing and approving the retention and employment
3 of Stout Risius Ross, LLC (“**Stout**”) to provide the Services on behalf of the Committee; and upon
4 the (i) *Declaration of Randi Rosen in Support of the Application for Order Authorizing the*
5 *Retention of Stout Risius Ross, LLC as Real Estate Consultant and Expert Witness*; (ii) objection
6 to the Application filed by the Debtor [Dkt. No. 1898] (the “**Debtor’s Objection**”) and (iii) the
7 Committee’s reply thereto [Dkt. No. 1904]; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the
8 Application and the relief requested therein in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; and
9 consideration of the Application and the relief requested therein being a core proceeding pursuant
10 to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408
11 and 1409; and the Court being satisfied that Stout represents no interest adverse to the Debtor’s
12 estate; and it appearing that the Services to be provided by Stout are required; and the Court having
13 held a hearing on the Application on April 24, 2025; and after due deliberation thereon, and good
14 and sufficient cause appearing therefor:¹

15 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT:**

- 16 1. The Application is granted.
- 17 2. All objections, including the Debtor’s Objection, to the Application or the relief
18 requested therein that have not been withdrawn, waived or settled, and all reservations of rights
19 included therein, are overruled.
- 20 3. Applicant is authorized to retain and employ Stout as its expert consultant and
21 witness to provide the Services as described in the Application, with such employment effective
22 as of April 1, 2025.
- 23 4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order, or the Application, the
24 Court is not approving terms and conditions of Stout’s employment under 11 U.S.C. § 328(a).
- 25 5. Stout shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and
26 reimbursement of expenses incurred beginning on April 1, 2025 in connection with the Chapter 11
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28 ¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein have the same meaning as ascribed to them in the Application.

1 Case as set forth in the Application and in compliance with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules,
2 the Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of this Court.

3 6. Notwithstanding anything in the Application or this Order to the contrary, if Stout
4 values any real property titled in the name of a non-Debtor that is not being sold, mortgaged,
5 transferred under, or otherwise used to fund, the *Debtor's Third Amended Plan of Reorganization*
6 (or any amendments thereto), Stout shall bill all such services and expenses related thereto to a
7 unique category so that such fees may be tracked separately from its other fees and expenses. The
8 allowance of any such fees and any expenses incurred in connection therewith shall not be paid or
9 allowed until a further ruling of this Court.

10 7. Stout shall provide reasonable notice to the Debtor and the U.S. Trustee of any
11 increase of Stout's hourly rates as set forth in the Application.

12 8. Stout shall institute the ethical wall described in the Application.

13 9. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from
14 or related to the implementation of this Order.

15 10. Notwithstanding any provision in the Bankruptcy Rules to the contrary, this Order
16 shall be immediately effective and affordable upon its entry.

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18 **END OF ORDER**

19 **APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

20 FOLEY & LARDNER LLP

21 By: /s/ Matthew Lee

22 Matthew Lee

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