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The following constitutes the order of the Court.

Signed: May 8, 2025

 William J. Lafferty, III
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

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and Debtor in Possession*

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

In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,

Debtor.

Case No. 23-40523 WJL

Chapter 11

**ORDER GRANTING INTERIM FEE
APPLICATIONS OF FOLEY & LARDNER
LLP; ALVAREZ & MARSAL NORTH
AMERICA, LLC; BREALL & BREALL LLP;
LOWENSTEIN SANDLER LLP; KELLER
BENVENUTTI KIM LLP; BURNS BAIR
LLP; STOUT RISIUS ROSS, LLC;
BERKELEY RESEARCH GROUP;
DOUGLAS WILSON COMPANIES;
SONTCHI, LLC; RANDALL NEWSOME
ADR AND CONSULTING LLC; AND THE
GALLAGHER LAW GROUP**

**[Re Docket Nos. 1722, 1724, 1726, 1727, 1728,
1729, 1731, 1734, 1737, 1739, 1742, and 1746]**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: April 30, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

 Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
1300 Clay Street
Courtroom 220
Oakland, CA 94612


This matter came before this Court for hearing on April 30, 2025, at 10:30 a.m., on:

- (i) the *Fifth Interim Fee Application of Foley & Lardner LLP, as General Bankruptcy Counsel to the Debtor, for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period of September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1722] (the “Foley Application”), filed by Foley & Lardner LLP (“Foley”), as general bankruptcy counsel to The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor” or “RCBO”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Chapter 11 Case” or the “Bankruptcy Case”);
- (ii) the *Fifth Interim Fee Application of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period of September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1724] (the “A&M Application”), filed by Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC (“A&M”) as restructuring advisor to the Debtor;
- (iii) the *Fourth Interim Fee Application of Breall & Breall LLP, as Special Counsel for the Debtor, for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period of September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1727] (the “Breall Application”), filed by Breall & Breall, LLP (“Breall & Breall”) as special insurance counsel for the Debtor;
- (iv) the *Fifth Interim Fee Application Lowenstein Sandler LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period from September 1, 2024 Through and Including December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1742] (the “Lowenstein Application”), filed by Lowenstein Sandler LLP (“Lowenstein”), as general bankruptcy counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”);
- (v) the *Fifth Interim Fee Application of Keller Benvenuti Kim LLP as Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period of September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1731] (the “KBK Application”) filed by Keller Benvenuti Kim LLP (“KBK”), as local counsel to the Committee;
- (vi) the *Fourth Interim Fee Application of Burns Bair LLP as Special Insurance Counsel to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Allowance and Payment of Fees and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period from September 1, 2024 Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1739] (the “Burns Bair Application”), filed by Burns Bair LLP (“Burns Bair”), as special insurance counsel to the Committee;
- (vii) the *Fourth Interim Fee Application of Stout Risius Ross, LLC for Allowance and Payment of Fees for the Period from September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1734] (the “Stout Application”), filed by Stout Risius Ross, LLC (“Stout”), as valuation consultant to the Committee;
- (viii) the *Fourth Interim Fee Application of Berkeley Research Group for Allowance and Payment of Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1746] (the “BRG Application”), filed by Berkeley Research Group, LLC (“BRG”), as financial advisor to the Committee;
- (ix) the *First Interim Fee Application of Douglas Wilson Companies Inc. as Real Estate Consultant to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Allowance and Payment*

1 of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period from August 5, 2024
2 Through and Including December 31, 2024 [Docket No. 1737] (the “DWC Application”),
3 filed by the Douglas Wilson Companies (“DWC”), as real estate consultant to the
4 Committee;

5 (x) the *Third Interim Fee Application of Sontchi, LLC, as Mediator, for Allowance and*
6 *Payment of Compensation and Expenses for the Period of September 1, 2024, Through*
7 *December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1726] (the “Sontchi Application”), filed by Sontchi, LLC
8 (“Sontchi”), as Court Appointed Mediator;

9 (xi) the *Second Interim Fee Application of Randall Newsome ADR and Consulting LLC and*
10 *Randall J. Newsome, as Mediator, for Allowance and Payment of Compensation for the*
11 *Period of September 1, 2024, Through December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1728] (the
12 “Newsome Application”), filed by Randall Newsome ADR and Consulting LLC
13 (“Newsome”), as Court Appointed Mediator; and,

14 (xii) the *Second Interim Fee Application of the Gallagher Law Group, as Mediator, for*
15 *Allowance and Payment of Compensation for the Period of September 2, 2024, Through*
16 *December 31, 2024* [Docket No. 1729] (the “Gallagher Application”), filed by The
17 Gallagher Law Group (“Gallagher”), as Court Appointed Mediator.

18 The Foley Application, A&M Application, Breall Application, Lowenstein Application, KBK
19 Application, Burns Bair Application, Stout Application, BRG Application, the DWC Application, the
20 Sontchi Application, the Newsome Application, and Gallagher Application are collectively referred to
21 herein as the “Applications,” and Foley, A&M, Breall & Breall, Lowenstein, KBK, Burns Bair, Stout,
22 BRG, DWC, Sontchi, Newsome, and Gallagher as the “Applicants.”

23 The Court has reviewed and considered the Applications, the declarations in support of each of the
24 Applications, the notice of hearing on the Applications, the *Fee Examiner’s Consolidated Final Report*
25 *Pertaining to the Interim Fee Applications of Certain Retained Professionals* [Docket No. 1915] (the “Fee
26 Examiner Report”) filed by David M. Klauder (the “Fee Examiner”) in response to the Applications, and
27 all other papers filed in opposition to or support of the Applications, and the statements of the Fee
28 Examiner and counsel at the hearing on the Applications.

As set forth in the Fee Examiner Report, certain of the Applicants agreed to voluntary reductions
in order to resolve the potential objections raised by the Fee Examiner, in the amounts of (i) \$27,442.50
in fees and \$2,330.80 in expenses for Foley, (ii) \$5,475.00 in fees for Breall, (iii) \$2,236.50 in fees and
\$520.22 in expenses for Lowenstein, (iv) \$2,744.70 in fees and \$71.50 in expenses for BRG, and (v), and
\$8,000.00 in fees for Burns Bair (collectively the “Voluntary Reductions”).

1 The Court finding that it has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334,
2 that this is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334(b), and that venue is proper before this
3 Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the good cause appearing; now, therefore,

4 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

5 1) The Applications are GRANTED as set forth in this Order.
6 2) Each of the Applicants is allowed interim compensation and reimbursement of fees on the
7 Applications as follows:

8 (a) **Foley & Lardner LLP**: The Foley Application requests fees in the amount of
9 \$2,031,711.50, and expenses in the amount of \$45,934.36, for a total requested amount of
10 \$2,077,645.86 (the "Foley Requested Amount"). Foley is hereby allowed compensation
11 for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the Foley Application in the Foley Requested
12 Amount, less the Voluntary Reduction of \$27,442.50 in fees and \$2,330.80 in expenses,
13 for a total allowed amount of **\$2,047,872.56** (the "Foley Allowed Amount"), consisting of
14 allowed fees of \$2,004,269.00 and allowed expenses of \$43,603.56, on an interim basis
15 pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

16 (b) **Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC**: The A&M Application requests fees in
17 the amount of \$119,215.00, and expenses in the amount of \$17.93, for a total requested
18 amount of \$119,232.93 (the "A&M Requested Amount"). A&M is hereby allowed
19 compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the A&M Application in the
20 A&M Requested Amount of **\$119,232.93** (the "A&M Allowed Amount"), consisting of
21 allowed fees of \$119,215.00 and allowed expenses of \$17.93, on an interim basis pursuant
22 to 11 U.S.C. §331.

23 (c) **Breall & Breall LLP**: The Breall Application requests fees in the amount of
24 \$35,250.00, and no expenses, for a total requested amount of \$35,250.00 (the "Breall
25 Requested Amount"). Breall & Breall is hereby allowed compensation for fees on the
26 Breall Application in the Breall Requested Amount, less the Voluntary Reduction of
27 \$5,475.00 in fees, for a total allowed amount of **\$29,775.00** (the "Breall Allowed
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Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(d) **Lowenstein Sandler LLP**: The Lowenstein Application requests fees in the amount of \$1,387,687.00, and expenses in the amount of \$40,849.57, for a total requested amount of \$1,428,536.57 (the “Lowenstein Requested Amount”). Lowenstein is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the Lowenstein Application in the Lowenstein Requested Amount, less the Voluntary Reduction of \$2,236.50 in fees, and \$520.22 in expenses, for a total allowed amount of **\$1,425,779.85** (the “Lowenstein Allowed Amount”), consisting of allowed fees of \$1,385,450.50 and allowed expenses of \$40,329.35, on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(e) **Keller Benvenuto Kim LLP**: The KBK Application requests fees in the amount of \$134,452.50, and expenses in the amount of \$3,769.35, for a total requested amount of \$138,221.85 (the “KBK Requested Amount”). KBK is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the KBK Application in the KBK Requested Amount of **\$138,221.85** (the “KBK Allowed Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(f) **Burns Bair LLP**: The Burns Bair Application requests fees in the amount of \$456,140.00, and expenses in the amount of \$15,570.15, for a total requested amount of \$471,710.15 (the “Burns Bair Requested Amount”). Burns Bair is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the Burns Bair Application in the Burns Bair Requested Amount, less the Voluntary Reduction of \$8,000.00 in fees, for a total allowed amount of **\$463,710.15** (the “Burns Bair Allowed Amount”), consisting of allowed fees of \$448,140.00 and allowed expenses of \$15,570.15, on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(g) **Stout Risius Ross, LLC**: The Stout Application requests fees in the amount of \$85,224.00, and no expenses, for a total requested amount of \$85,224.00 (the “Stout Requested Amount”). Stout is hereby allowed compensation for fees on the Stout

Application in the Stout Requested Amount, for a total allowed amount of **\$85,224.00** (the “Stout Allowed Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(h) **Berkeley Research Group, LLC**: The BRG Application requests fees in the amount of \$206,837.50, and expenses in the amount of \$4,391.41, for a total requested amount of \$211,228.91 (the “BRG Requested Amount”). BRG is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the BRG Application in the BRG Requested Amount, less the Voluntary Reduction of \$2,744.70 in fees and \$71.50 in expenses, for a total allowed amount of **\$208,412.71** (the “BRG Allowed Amount”), consisting of allowed fees of \$204,092.80 and allowed expenses of \$4,319.91, on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(i) **Douglas Wilson Companies**: The DWC Application requests fees in the amount of \$130,000.00, and expenses in the amount of \$84,000.00, for a total requested amount of \$214,000.00 (the “DWC Requested Amount”). DWC is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the DWC Application in the DWC Requested Amount, for a total allowed amount of **\$214,000.00** (the “DWC Allowed Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(j) **Sontchi, LLC**: The Sontchi Application requests fees in the amount of \$146,562.50, and expenses in the amount of \$13,288.52, for a total requested amount of \$159,851.02 (the “Sontchi Requested Amount”). Sontchi is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the Sontchi Application in the Sontchi Requested Amount of **\$159,851.02** (the “Sontchi Allowed Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(k) **Randall Newsome ADR and Consulting LLC**: The Newsome Application requests fees in the amount of \$28,360.00, and expenses in the amount of \$1,093.40, for a total requested amount of \$29,453.40 (the “Newsome Requested Amount”). Newsome is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the Newsome

Application in the Newsome Requested Amount of **\$29,453.40** (the “Newsome Allowed Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

(1) **The Gallagher Law Group**: The Gallagher Application requests fees in the amount of \$97,125.00, and expenses in the amount of \$565.01, for a total requested amount of \$97,690.01 (the “Newsome Requested Amount”). Gallagher is hereby allowed compensation for fees and reimbursement of expenses on the Gallagher Application in the Gallagher Requested Amount of **\$97,690.01** (the “Gallagher Allowed Amount”), on an interim basis pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §331.

3) The Debtor is authorized to pay each Applicant the Allowed Amount set forth above, less payments already received by such Applicant pursuant to the Court’s *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Docket No. 170], within five days of entry of this Order.

4) This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

*** END OF ORDER ***

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