## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA ATLANTA DIVISION

In re:	)
LAVIE CARE CENTERS, LLC, et al.,	) Case No. <b>24-55507</b> (PMB)
Debtors.	) Chapter 11
	) (Jointly Administered)
	)
LOVE BROWNE, as Administrator of the Estate JUBELEE BROWNE, Deceased,	of ) CONTESTED MATTER
Movant,	)
v.	) )
WILLIAMSBURG FACILITY OPERATIONS, LLC,	) Case No. <b>24-55771</b> )
Respondent.	) ) )

# NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION BY CREDITOR LOVE BROWNE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JUBELEE BROWNE, FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNTIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that LOVE BROWNE, as Administrator of the Estate of JUBELEE BROWNE, Deceased has filed a *Motion for Leave to File Untimely Proof of Claim* (the "Motion") and related papers with the Court seeking an order allowing a late filed proof of claim on the grounds of improper scheduling and lack of actual notice of the claims bar date.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Court will hold a hearing on the Motion pursuant to the Sixth Notice of Omnibus Hearings at 9:30 A.M. on JUNE 25, 2025, in COURTROOM 1202, United States Courthouse, 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW, Atlanta, Georgia 30303, which may be attended in person or via the Court's Virtual Hearing Room. You may join the Virtual Hearing Room through the "Dial-In and Virtual Bankruptcy Hearing Information" link at the top of the homepage of the Court's website, <a href="www.ganb.uscourts.gov">www.ganb.uscourts.gov</a>, or the link on the



judge's webpage, which can also be found on the Court's website. Please also review the "Hearing Information" tab on the judge's webpage for further information about the hearing. You should be prepared to appear at the hearing via video, but you may leave your camera in the off position until the Court instructs otherwise. Unrepresented persons who do not have video capability may use the telephone dial-in information on the judge's webpage.

Your rights may be affected by the Court's ruling on these pleadings. You should read these pleadings carefully and discuss them with your attorney, if you have one in this bankruptcy case. (If you do not have an attorney, you may wish to consult one.) If you do not want the Court to grant the relief sought in these pleadings or if you want the Court to consider your views, then you and/or your attorney must attend the hearing. You may also file a written response to the pleadings with the Clerk at the address stated below, but you are not required to do so. If you file a written response, you must attach a certificate stating when, how and on whom (including addresses) you served the response. Mail or deliver your response so that it is received by the Clerk before the hearing. The address of the Clerk's Office is: Clerk, U. S. Bankruptcy Court, Suite 1340, 75 Ted Turner Drive, SW, Atlanta Georgia 30303. You must also mail a copy of your response to the undersigned at the address stated below.

Dated: April 28, 2025

/s/ John A. Moore

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#### **CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that a true and correct copy of the foregoing NOTICE OF HEARING ON MOTION BY CREDITOR LOVE BROWNE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JUBELEE BROWNE, FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNTIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM was served via the Court's CM/ECF system on all counsel of record registered in these Chapter 11 cases through CM/ECF and the following on this 28th day of April, 2025.

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)	Hearing: June 25, 2025 at 9:30 AM
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Movant,	
v. ) WILLIAMSBURG FACILITY ) OPERATIONS, LLC, )	Case No. <b>24-55771</b>
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# MOTION BY CREDITOR LOVE BROWNE, AS ADMINISTRATOR OF THE ESTATE OF JUBELEE BROWNE, FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNTIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM

Creditor LOVE BROWNE, as Administrator of the Estate of JUBELEE BROWNE, Deceased ("Creditor"), by and through undersigned counsel, respectfully requests this Court enter an order granting leave to file an untimely proof of claim in the above-captioned bankruptcy case. In support thereof, Creditor states as follows:

This Motion is brought pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002(c)(7) and Rule 3003(c)(3). The Court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. Venue is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

#### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

On June 2, 2024, Williamsburg Facility Operations, LLC (the "Debtor") filed a voluntary petition under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code under Case Number **24-55771**. Debtor's case is being jointly administered under Case No. **24-55507**. The deadline to file general unsecured claims (the "Bar Date") was July 25, 2024.

Creditor represents the ESTATE OF JUBELEE BROWNE, Deceased, who was a resident of the Debtor's skilled nursing facility. On October 28, 2022, Creditor filed a wrongful death and negligence action against Debtor in the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, under Case No. CL22014644-00 (the "State Court Action"). The underlying Complaint filed in the State Court Action alleges that Debtor provided substandard and negligent care to Ms. Browne, a patient with Stage 4 renal failure and congestive heart failure, including repeated failures to provide life-sustaining peritoneal dialysis treatments on multiple weekends due to staff shortages. This resulted in significant fluid retention in her heart and lungs, ultimately contributing to her death. The Complaint further alleges that Ms. Browne suffered repeated falls, including two incidents resulting in hip fractures, as well as other indicators of systemic neglect — such as not receiving oral hygiene for extended periods and suffering a stroke that went unreported to her family. These failures reflect chronic understaffing, disregard for medical protocols, and a violation of regulatory care standards.

Creditor did not receive formal notice of the bankruptcy filing or of the claims bar date. Although Creditor is listed on the Debtor's bankruptcy Schedule E/F, the address is listed only as "on File". As a result, Creditor was not served with notice of the Bar Date and only learned of the bankruptcy through independent efforts taken in connection with the Motion for Relief from Stay filed on April 10, 2025. *See Affidavit of Love Browne*, which is attached hereto as **Exhibit "A"**.

#### **LEGAL BASIS FOR RELIEF**

Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3003(c)(3) allows the Court to extend the time for filing a proof of claim "for cause." Similarly, under Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002(c)(7), this Court may extend the time in which a creditor may file a claim by not more than sixty days from the date of the order granting the motion if the court finds that the notice was insufficient to give the creditor a reasonable time to file a proof of claim. The term "the notice" in Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 3002(c)(7) refers to the **actual notice** of the deadline to file a proof of claim, not general notice of the bankruptcy case filing. *In re Aguilar*, No. 24-21304-SMG, 2025 Bankr. LEXIS 926 (Bankr. S.D. Fla. Apr. 10, 2025).

Courts routinely grant relief where the debtor failed to provide actual notice to a known creditor. *See e.g.*, *In re Mitrano*, No. 6:24-bk-02053-TPG; 2024 Bankr. LEXIS 2494 (Bankr. M.D. Fla. Oct. 8, 2024) (allowing a late filed claim where the creditor adequately demonstrated that she received insufficient notice of the bar date to give her a reasonable time to file a proof of claim). Here, because the Debtor listed the Creditor without an address and failed to serve notice of the Bar Date, the failure to file a timely claim was due entirely to the Debtor's failure to comply with Rule 1007(a) notice requirements. Creditor did <u>not</u> have actual notice of the Bar Date but only learned of this bankruptcy and the Bar Date through independent efforts taken in connection with the Motion for Relief from Stay filed by Creditor on April 10, 2025. Thus, cause exists to grant this Motion. *Id.* 

#### **REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

Creditor respectfully requests that the Court: (i) grant leave to file the proof of claim attached hereto as **Exhibit "B"**, as timely; and (ii) order that such proof of claim be treated as having been filed before the Bar Date for all purposes under the Bankruptcy Code and Plan.

## **CONCLUSION**

For all the reasons stated herein, Creditor respectfully requests that the Court enter an order permitting the late filing of the Proof of Claim and grant such other relief as is just and proper.

Dated: April 28, 2025

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STATE OF GEORGIA COUNTY OF FULTON	)	SS:	

# AFFIDAVIT OF LOVE BROWNE IN SUPPORT OF MOTION FOR LEAVE TO FILE UNTIMELY PROOF OF CLAIM

- I, <u>LOVE BROWNE</u>, being over the age of eighteen and competent to testify, hereby declare the following under penalty of perjury:
  - 1. I am the duly appointed Administrator of the Estate of Jubelee Browne, deceased.
- 2. I make this affidavit in support of the Motion for Leave to File Untimely Proof of Claim in the bankruptcy case of *Lavie Care Centers, LLC, et al.*, and its jointly administered debtor *Williamsburg Facility Operations, LLC*.
- 3. I am the representative of the Creditor in a wrongful death and negligence action brought on behalf of the Estate of Jubelee Browne against Williamsburg Facility Operations, LLC. This action was filed in the Circuit Court of the City of Norfolk, Virginia, on October 28, 2022, under Case No. CL22014644-00 (the "State Court Action").
- 4. At no time prior to April 2025 did I receive notice of the deadline for filing general unsecured claims (the "Bar Date"), which was July 25, 2024.

Although the Estate of Jubelee Browne is listed on Debtors' bankruptcy Schedule 5.

E/F, the listed address is stated only as "on File." As a result, I did not receive service of the

Notice of the Bar Date or any other formal notification of the bankruptcy proceedings.

I only became aware of the Bar Date through independent efforts made in 6.

connection with my attempt to obtain relief from the automatic stay so that I could pursue the

Debtor's liability insurance coverage in connection with the State Court Action.

On or about April 10, 2025, I authorized the filing of a Motion for Relief from the 7.

Automatic Stay in order to allow the State Court Action to proceed to the extent of available

insurance coverage.

It was subsequent to the filing of this motion that I first learned of the previously 8.

expired Bar Date for filing claims.

The failure to timely file a proof of claim was not due to any lack of diligence on 9.

my part but was a direct result of the Debtor's failure to provide proper notice of the bankruptcy

and Bar Date to me or my legal counsel.

SWORN TO AND SUBSCRIBED before me this 25th day of April , 2025.

**LOVE BROWNE** 

Notary Seal:

NOTARY PUBLIC

State of Pearl Lena Adams

My Commission OF TAPRYS PUBLIC

Fulton County, GEORGIA My Commission Expires

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Fill in this information to identify the case:					
Indicate the Debtor against which you assert a claim by listing it below. Please refer to the Bar Date Notice or visit <u>www.veritaglobal.net/LaVie</u> for the full list of debtors in these cases. (You may only Indicate one Debtor per claim form.)					
Debtor Williamsburg Facility Operations, LLC					
United States Bankruptcy Court for the Northern District of Georgia, Atlanta Division					
Case number	24-55771				

# Modified Official Form 410

Proof of Claim 04/22

Read the instructions before filling out this form. This form is for making a claim for payment in a bankruptcy case. Other than a claim under 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9), this form should not be used to make a claim for an administrative expense arising after the commencement of the case.

Filers must leave out or redact information that is entitled to privacy on this form or on any attached documents. Attach redacted copies or any documents that support the claim, such as promissory notes, purchase orders, invoices, itemized statements of running accounts, contracts, judgments, mortgages, and security agreements. Do not send original documents; they may be destroyed after scanning. If the documents are not available, explain in an attachment.

A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both. 18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.

Fill in all the information about the claim as of the date the case was filed.

P	art 1: Identify the Clair	m						
1.	Who is the current creditor?	The Estate of Jubelee Browne  Name of the current creditor (the person or entity to be paid for this claim)  Other names the creditor used with the debtor						
2.	Has this claim been acquired from someone else?	No Yes. F	from whom?				_	
3.	Where should notices and payments to the creditor be sent?  Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure (FRBP) 2002(g)	Love Brown Name 1745 M Number St Atlanta City USA Country Contact phone Contact email	Martin Luther King Jr Dr treet GA State  678-288-5600 jmoore@moorelawll	Administrator c/o John Moore, Esq.  artin Luther King Jr Dr  et  GA 30314  State ZIP Code		Where should payments to the creditor be sent? (if different)  Love Browne, Administrator  Name  Number Street  City State ZIP Code  Country  Contact phone Contact email lovebrownellc@gmail.com		
4.	Does this claim amend one already filed?	✓ No ✓ Yes. C	Claim number on court claim	ns registry (if known)		Filed on	O / YYYY	
5.	Do you know if anyone else has filed a proof of claim for this claim?	No Yes. Who	o made the earlier filing?					

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P	Give Information Abo	but the Claim as of the Date the Case was Filed			
6.	Do you have any number you use to identify the debtor?	✓ No  ✓ Yes. Last 4 digits of the debtor's account or any number you use to identify the debtor:			
7.	How much is the claim?	\$\frac{5,000,000.00}{\infty}\$. Does this amount include interest or other charges?  No  Yes. Attach statement itemizing interest, fees, expenses, or other charges required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c)(2)(A).			
8.	What is the basis of the claim?	Examples: Goods sold, money loaned, lease, services performed, personal injury or wrongful death, or credit card.  Attach redacted copies of any documents supporting the claim required by Bankruptcy Rule 3001(c).  Limit disclosing information that is entitled to privacy, such as health care information.  Wrongful Death			
9.	Is all or part of the claim secured?	Yes. The claim is secured by a lien on property.   Nature of property:   Real estate: If the claim is secured by the debtor's principal residence, file a Mortgage Proof of Claim Attachment (Official Form 410-A) with this Proof of Claim.   Motor vehicle   Other. Describe:   Basis for perfection:   Attach redacted copies of documents, if any, that show evidence of perfection of a security interest (for example, a mortgage, lien, certificate of title, financing statement, or other document that shows the lien has been filed or recorded.)    Value of property: \$			
10	. Is this claim based on a lease?	✓ No ✓ Yes. Amount necessary to cure any default as of the date of the petition.			
11	. Is this claim subject to a right of setoff?	✓ No  Yes. Identify the property:			

12. Is all or part of the claim entitled to priority under	pmb Doc 9	41 Filed 04/28/25 Enter Document Page 13 of	ed 04/28/25 14:28:4 13	40 Desc Main	
11 U.S.C. § 507(a)?	Yes. Chec	k all that apply:		Amount entitled to priority	
A claim may be partly priority and partly nonpriority. For example,		stic support obligations (including alimony S.C. § 507(a)(1)(A) or (a)(1)(B).	and child support) under	\$	
in some categories, the law limits the amount		\$3,350* of deposits toward purchase, lea es for personal, family, or household use		\$	
entitled to priority.	days	s, salaries, or commissions (up to \$15,15 before the bankruptcy petition is filed or the ever is earlier. 11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(4).	0*) earned within 180 ne debtor's business ends,	\$	
	☐ Taxes	or penalties owed to governmental units.	11 U.S.C. § 507(a)(8).	\$	
	☐ Contr	butions to an employee benefit plan. 11 l	J.S.C. § 507(a)(5).	\$	
	☐ Other	Specify subsection of 11 U.S.C. § 507(a	)() that applies.	\$	
	* Amounts	are subject to adjustment on 4/01/25 and every	3 years after that for cases begun	on or after the date of adjustment.	
13. Is all or part of the claim pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 503(b)(9)?	No  Yes. Indicate the amount of your claim arising from the value of any goods received by the debtor within 20 days before the date of commencement of the above case, in which the goods have been sold to the Debtor in the ordinary course of such Debtor's business. Attach documentation supporting such claim.  \$				
Part 3: Sign Below					
The person completing this proof of claim must sign and date it. FRBP 9011(b).  If you file this claim electronically, FRBP 5005(a)(2) authorizes courts to establish local rules specifying what a signature is.  A person who files a fraudulent claim could be fined up to \$500,000, imprisoned for up to 5 years, or both.  18 U.S.C. §§ 152, 157, and 3571.	I am the trus I am a guara I understand that the amount of the I have examined I declare under positive Executed on date  Signature		Bankruptcy Rule 3005.  aim serves as an acknowledgor any payments received towave reasonable belief that the ond correct.	vard the debt.	
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