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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE 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

**FIFTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT OF
COVINGTON & BURLING LLP, AS
SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL FOR
THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR
THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2026
THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2026**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

**Objection Deadline: April 9, 2026
4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)**

[No Hearing Requested]



Name of Applicant:	Covington & Burling LLP
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtor
Date of Retention:	Effective as of October 7, 2025 by Order entered November 12, 2025 [Dkt. No. 2450]
Period for Which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought	February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026
Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary:	\$49,560.00
20% Holdback	\$9,912.00
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as Actual, Reasonable and Necessary:	\$1,308.30
Total of Compensation (Net of Holdback) and Expense Reimbursement Sought	\$40,956.30

PRELIMINARY STATEMENT

On May 8, 2023, the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor” or “RCBO”)¹ commenced the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Chapter 11 Case”). The Debtor continues to operate its ministry and manage its properties as a debtor in possession under sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee has been appointed in this Chapter 11 Case.

On May 26, 2023, the Debtor filed the *Debtor’s Motion for an Order Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Dkt. No. 70] (the “Compensation Procedures Motion”). The Court granted the Compensation Procedures Motion on June 23, 2023, entering the *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* [Dkt. No. 170] (the “Original Compensation Procedures Order”). The Court entered its *Agreed Order Amending Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* on June 27, 2025 [Dkt. No 2101] (the “Amended Compensation Procedures

¹ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Compensation Procedures Orders (defined below).

1 Orders” and together with the Original Compensation Procedures Order, the “Compensation Procedures
2 Orders”).

3 On October 20, 2025, the Debtor filed the *Debtor’s Application to Employ Covington & Burling*
4 *LLP as Special Insurance Counsel* [Dkt. No. 2416] (the “Retention Application”). The Court approved
5 the Retention Application on November 12, 2025, entering the *Order Approving Debtor’s Application to*
6 *Employ Covington & Burling LLP as Special Insurance Counsel* [Dkt. No. 2450] (the “Covington
7 Retention Order”).

8 Covington & Burling LLP (“Covington” or “Applicant”), as special insurance counsel to the
9 Debtor, hereby submits its fifth monthly fee statement (the “Monthly Fee Statement”) for allowance of
10 payment of compensation for professional services rendered and for reimbursement of actual and
11 necessary expenses incurred for the period commencing February 1, 2026 to and including February 28,
12 2026 (the “Fee Period”) pursuant to the Compensation Procedures Orders.

13 By this Monthly Fee Statement, Covington seeks (i) a monthly interim allowance of compensation
14 in the amount of \$49,560.00 and actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$1,308.30 for a total
15 allowance of \$50,868.30, and (ii) payment of \$39,648.00 (80% of the allowed fees pursuant to the
16 Compensation Procedure Orders) and reimbursement of \$1,308.30 (100% of the allowed expenses
17 pursuant to the Compensation Procedures Orders) for a total payment of \$40,956.30 for the Fee Period.

18 **SERVICES RENDERED AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE FEE PERIOD**

19 Attached as **Exhibit 1** is the name of each of Covington’s professionals and paraprofessionals who
20 performed services for the Debtor in connection with this Chapter 11 Case during the Fee Period covered
21 by this Monthly Fee Statement and the hourly rate and total fees for each professional during the Fee
22 Period.

23 Attached as **Exhibit 2** is a summary of hours by category during the Fee Period.

24 Attached as **Exhibit 3** is a summary of expenses included in this Monthly Fee Statement incurred
25 during the Fee Period.

26 Attached as **Exhibit 4** are the detailed time entries of Covington’s professionals and
27 paraprofessionals during the Fee Period.

1 **NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES**

2 In accordance with the Compensation Procedures Orders, each Notice Party shall have until the
3 tenth (10th) day (or the next business day, if such day is not a business day) following service of this
4 Monthly Fee Statement (the “Objection Deadline”) to serve an objection to the Monthly Fee Statement on
5 Covington and each of the other Notice Parties.

6 Upon the expiration of the Objection Deadline, the Applicant shall file a certificate of no objection
7 with the Court, after which the Debtor is authorized and directed to pay the Applicant an amount equal to
8 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in this Monthly Fee Statement.

9 If an objection is properly filed, the Debtor shall be authorized and directed to pay the Applicant
10 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection.

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12 DATED: March 30, 2026

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EXHIBIT 1
Compensation by Professional
February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026

Name of Professional Individual	Position of the Professional, Year of Obtaining License to Practice	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Joseph R. Dunn	Partner, 2005	\$1,180.00	1.40	\$1,652.00
Christine Saunders Haskett	Partner, 1997	\$1,180.00	16.80	\$19,824.00
Abigail V. O'Brient	Partner, 2009	\$1,180.00	5.30	\$6,254.00
David Goodwin	Senior Counsel, 1982	\$1,180.00	5.80	\$6,844.00
Julia C. Philips Roth	Associate, 2019	\$1,180.00	12.70	\$14,986.00
TOTAL			42.00	\$49,560.00

EXHIBIT 2
Compensation by Category
February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026

Category	Hours Billed this Fee Period	Total for Fee Statement
General Insurance Advice	30.20	\$35,636.00
Fee and Employment Applications	11.80	\$13,924.00
TOTAL	42.00	\$49,560.00

EXHIBIT 3
Expense by Category
February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026

Costs/Expense	Amount Billed
Electronic Legal Research Services	\$25.15
Monthly Disk Storage	\$19.90
Travel	\$901.88
Miscellaneous Costs	\$361.37
TOTAL	\$1,308.30

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EXHIBIT 4
Time Entries
February 1, 2026 – February 28, 2026

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March 23, 2026

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Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland

Re: General Insurance Advice

For professional services rendered in connection with the above referenced matter through February 28, 2026:

Fees:	\$ 35,636.00
Disbursements:	
Monthly Disk Storage	\$ 19.90
Westlaw Research	\$ 24.05
Travel - Cabs/Public Transportation	\$ 231.11
Travel	\$ 8.50
Miscellaneous Costs	\$ 361.37
Travel - Mileage	\$ 39.27
Travel - Air/Rail	\$ 623.00
Disbursements	\$ 1,307.20
Total Fees and Disbursements:	\$ 36,943.20
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	 \$ 36,943.20

Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L120 - Analysis/Strategy				
02/01/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review draft defense report for insurer.	0.40	\$472.00
02/02/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Draft letter to insurer re defense of underlying matters (0.8); telephone with client re insurance strategy (0.3); review and respond to emails re strategy for arbitration re defense rates (0.7).	1.80	\$2,124.00
02/02/26	David Goodwin	Attend conference call with Travelers (.60); emails regarding insurance issues (.20); revise draft letter to Travelers (.40).	1.20	\$1,416.00
02/03/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and respond to emails re insurer conduct (0.4); review and analyze submission to bankruptcy court for insurance implications (0.2).	0.60	\$708.00
02/03/26	Abigail V. O'Brient	Emails with D. Goodwin and C. Haskett re impact of insurance issues on plan confirmation.	0.20	\$236.00
02/03/26	David Goodwin	Emails regarding insurance strategy issues.	0.20	\$236.00
02/04/26	Joseph R. Dunn	Internal call re insurance issues affected by cramdown (0.4) and call with client re same. (.1)	1.40	\$1,652.00
02/04/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Telephone conference with bankruptcy counsel re insurance and plan strategy issues (0.4); telephone conference with client and bankruptcy counsel re same (1.0).	1.40	\$1,652.00
02/04/26	Abigail V. O'Brient	Confer with C. Haskett and D. Goodwin to prepare for call with client re insurance assignment considerations (.5); call with client re same (.5).	1.00	\$1,180.00
02/04/26	David Goodwin	Prepare for call with Mr. Kemner regarding insurance settlement issues (.40); telephone with Mr. Kemner regarding insurance settlement issues (.90); follow on from call with Mr. Kemner (.20) .	1.50	\$1,770.00
02/05/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review scheduling request from insurer and email re same.	0.40	\$472.00
02/06/26	Abigail V. O'Brient	Email to client re Friars settlement.	0.40	\$472.00

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02/06/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Analyze term sheet and hearing recording re California Franciscan Friars settlement proposal (0.6), analyze Bloomberg article re same (0.2), communicate with A. O'Brient, D. Goodwin, and C. Haskett re analysis of same (0.7)	1.50	\$1,770.00
02/07/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and respond to emails re scheduling and strategy matters in connection with insurance case.	0.80	\$944.00
02/10/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Telephone with client and email re discussion with Claimants' insurance counsel.	0.40	\$472.00
02/10/26	David Goodwin	Telephone with Mr. Kemner regarding settlement issues (.10); follow on from call (.10).	0.20	\$236.00
02/11/26	David Goodwin	Emails regarding insurance issues (.20); prepare for call with Mr. Burns (.10); attend call with Mr. Burns (.50); respond to questions about insurance coverage from Mr. Kemner (.20).	1.00	\$1,180.00
02/12/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Email with insurer counsel re scheduling stipulation (0.2); conference re claimants' counsel's insurance proposals (0.3).	0.50	\$590.00
02/12/26	David Goodwin	Respond to questions from Mr. Kemner regarding insurance issues in proposed plan.	0.30	\$354.00
02/18/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Email re recent developments.	0.10	\$118.00
02/18/26	Abigail V. O'Brient	Listen to three hearings (0.2) and respond to client question re certain confirmation issues. (0.7)	2.70	\$3,186.00
02/18/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Communicate with A. O'Brient re status conferences	0.40	\$472.00
02/20/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and analyze correspondence with insurer (0.4); telephone with client re same (0.2); review and respond to emails re same (0.4).	1.00	\$1,180.00
02/20/26	David Goodwin	Analyze coverage issues.	0.10	\$118.00
02/24/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and analyze draft status report (0.4); email re comments to same (0.4); telephone conference with insurer counsel re defense of underlying matter (0.4).	1.20	\$1,416.00
02/24/26	David Goodwin	Emails regarding insurance funding issues (.20); comment on insurance status report (.10).	0.30	\$354.00
02/25/26	Christine	Telephone conference with client and co-	2.70	\$3,186.00

<u>Date</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
	Saunders Haskett	counsel re insurance strategy (0.4); telephone conference with insurer re defense of underlying matter (0.5); review and respond to emails re draft status report (0.7); review and revise same (0.6); review and respond to emails re insurance strategy (0.5).		
02/25/26	David Goodwin	Emails regarding status conference (.10); emails regarding insurance issues (.20); revise draft email to Travelers (.20).	0.50	\$590.00
02/26/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and revise draft stipulation re liability (0.3); email re same (0.2); telephone with client re same (0.2).	0.70	\$826.00
02/26/26	David Goodwin	Emails regarding insurer communications.	0.10	\$118.00
02/27/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and respond to emails re insurer response to liability stipulation.	0.40	\$472.00
02/27/26	David Goodwin	Analyze Chubb coverage letter.	0.20	\$236.00
02/28/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and respond to emails re communications with insurers.	0.30	\$354.00
Subtotal:	L120 - Analysis/Strategy		25.90	\$30,562.00
L310 - Written Discovery				
02/09/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Prepare draft discovery requests following up on recent developments regarding insurer conduct.	1.10	\$1,298.00
02/09/26	David Goodwin	Draft discovery requests.	0.20	\$236.00
02/10/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Revise draft discovery requests to insurers.	0.50	\$590.00
02/11/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and respond to emails re draft discovery requests and associated strategy (0.5); telephone with client in preparation for call with claimants' counsel (0.2); telephone conference with claimants' counsel re insurance issues (0.6); email with client re same (0.3).	1.60	\$1,888.00
02/23/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Email re proposed discovery and insurance issues.	0.40	\$472.00
02/24/26	Christine Saunders Haskett	Review and respond to emails re written discovery strategy issues.	0.50	\$590.00

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<u>Date</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Subtotal:	L310 -	Written Discovery	4.30	\$5,074.00
Total			30.20	\$35,636.00

Timekeeper Summary

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Dunn, Joseph R.	Partner	1.40	1,180.00	\$ 1,652.00
Haskett, Christine Saunders	Partner	16.80	1,180.00	\$ 19,824.00
O'Brient, Abigail V.	Partner	4.30	1,180.00	\$ 5,074.00
Goodwin, David	Senior Counsel	5.80	1,180.00	\$ 6,844.00
Philips Roth, Julia C.	Associate	1.90	1,180.00	\$ 2,242.00
Totals		30.20		\$ 35,636.00

Task Summary

<u>Task Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L120	Analysis/Strategy	\$30,562.00
L310	Written Discovery	\$5,074.00

Disbursement Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Monthly Disk Storage	\$ 19.90
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Travel - Air/Rail	\$ 623.00
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Totals	\$ 1,307.20

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March 23, 2026

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Re: Fee and Employment Applications

For professional services rendered in connection with the above referenced matter through February 28, 2026:

Fees:	\$ 13,924.00
Disbursements:	
Computer Research	\$ 1.10
Disbursements	\$ 1.10
Total Fees and Disbursements:	\$ 13,925.10
 TOTAL AMOUNT DUE:	 \$ 13,925.10

Time Detail

<u>Date</u>	<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L250 - Other Written Motions & Submissions				
02/09/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Draft interim fee application	2.50	\$2,950.00
02/17/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Revise interim fee application	1.20	\$1,416.00
02/18/26	Abigail V. O'Brient	Review and revise first interim fee application of Covington and supporting declaration.	1.00	\$1,180.00
02/18/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Draft and revise interim fee application	4.20	\$4,956.00
02/20/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Communicate with debtor's counsel, A. O'Brient, D. Goodwin, and C. Haskett re interim fee application	1.60	\$1,888.00
02/20/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Finalize and coordinate filing of interim fee application	1.00	\$1,180.00
02/27/26	Julia C. Philips Roth	Revise monthly fee statement (0.2) and coordinate filing of same (0.1)	0.30	\$354.00
Subtotal:	L250 - Other Written Motions & Submissions		11.80	\$13,924.00
Total			11.80	\$13,924.00

Timekeeper Summary

<u>Timekeeper</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
O'Brient, Abigail V.	Partner	1.00	1,180.00 \$	1,180.00
Philips Roth, Julia C.	Associate	10.80	1,180.00 \$	12,744.00
Totals		11.80	\$	13,924.00

Task Summary

<u>Task Code</u>	<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
L250	Other Written Motions & Submissions	\$13,924.00

Disbursement Summary

<u>Description</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Computer Research	\$ 1.10
Totals	\$ 1.10