

ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on December 19, 2019.

Robert A. Mark, Judge United States Bankruptcy Court

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA FORT LAUDERDALE DIVISION www.flsb.uscourts.gov

In re:

Chapter 11

1GC COLLECTIONS, et al.¹

Debtors.

Case No. 18-19121-RAM

Jointly Administered

ORDER APPROVING LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE'S APPLICATION FOR AUTHORIZATION TO EMPLOY STICHTER, RIEDEL, BLAIN & POSTLER, P.A.

AS SPECIAL COUNSEL NUNC PRO TUNC TO NOVEMBER 21, 2019

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on December 19, 2019, at 1:30 p.m. for hearing on

the Liquidating Trustee's Application for Authorization to Employ Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler,

¹ The Debtors in these Chapter 11 Cases, along with the business addresses and the last four (4) digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number, if applicable, are: 1 GC Collections, 1250 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Suite 605, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009 (9517); and 1 West Collections, 1250 E. Hallandale Beach Blvd., Suite 605, Hallandale Beach, FL 33009 (1711).

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P.A., as Special Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to November 21, 2019 [ECF No. 1662] (the "<u>Application</u>"),² and upon the *Declaration of Barbara A. Hart in Support of the Liquidating Trustee's Application for Authorization to Employ Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, P.A., as Special Counsel, Nunc Pro Tunc to November 21, 2019* attached as Exhibit "A" to the Application (the "<u>Declaration</u>"). The Application requests the entry of an order authorizing the employment and retention of Barbara A. Hart and Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, P.A., *nunc pro tunc* to November 21, 2019.

The Court has read and considered the Application and the Declaration and finds that Ms. Hart is duly qualified in this Court pursuant to Local Rule 2090-1(A); that the Declaration makes relevant disclosures as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014 and 2016; and that the Declaration contains a verified statement as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014, demonstrating the disinterestedness of Ms. Hart and Stichter Riedel. For the reasons stated in the Application and the Declaration and for the further reasons stated in open court and on the record, all of which together shall constitute the decision of the Court, and it appearing that the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Trust, all creditors, and the holders of beneficial interests in the Trust, the Court finds and determines, (a) it has jurisdiction to consider the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (b) that Stichter Riedel is gualified to serve as counsel to and represent the Liquidating Trustee and the Trust; (c) that Stichter Riedel does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Trust; (d) that Stichter Riedel is a disinterested person as required by 11 U.S.C. § 101(14) and Local Rule 2014-1; (e) that proper and adequate notice of the Application has been given and that no other or further notice is necessary; and (f) that approval of the Application is in the best interest of the Trust, all creditors, and the holders of beneficial interests in the Trust.

² Any capitalized term not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed in the Application.

Accordingly, it is

ORDERED:

1. The Application is approved *nunc pro tunc* to November 21, 2019.

2. James S. Cassel, as the Liquidating Trustee, is authorized to retain and employ Barbara Hart and the law firm of Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, P.A., as special counsel to the Liquidating Trustee pursuant to §§ 328(a) and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code; Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014 and 2016; and the Local Rules of this Court.

3. Stichter Riedel is authorized to represent the Liquidating Trustee as special counsel.

Stichter Riedel's services to the Liquidating Trustee include, but are not limited to the following:

- a. analyzing claims, filing and prosecuting objections to claims;
- b. assisting the Liquidating Trustee in the prosecution of preference and avoidance matters;
- c. acting as conflicts counsel and advising the Liquidating Trustee in connection with certain matters that the Liquidating Trustee's general counsel may be unable to address due to conflicts;
- d. appearing before this Court to represent the Liquidating Trustee; and
- e. performing all other legal services as the Liquidating Trustee may deem necessary and not duplicative of legal services provided by other professionals

4. Stichter Riedel is authorized and empowered to take all actions necessary to implement the representation authorized by this order.

5. In advance of the hearing, as announced at the hearing, Stichter Riedel voluntarily agreed to cap its hourly rates for each timekeeper in this matter at the rates set forth on page 30 of the Supplemental Final Application of Stichter, Riedel, Blain & Postler, P.A., for Allowance and Payment of Compensation for Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses Incurred as

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Attorneys for the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for the Period of November 1, 2019 Through November 21, 2019. [ECF No. 1596].

6. Stichter Riedel shall maintain contemporaneous time records with the rendition of services and shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered, and reimbursement for expenses incurred in the course of these cases, in compliance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, the Local Rules of this Court, the Guidelines for Fee Applications for Professionals in the Southern District of Florida in Bankruptcy Cases, the procedures set forth in the Order Establishing Procedures for Monthly, Interim, and Final Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals Retained in these Chapter 11 Cases and Reimbursement of Expenses of Committee Members Appointed in These Chapter 11 Cases entered in these cases [ECF No. 158], and other applicable procedures and orders of this Court.

7. Notwithstanding any statutory provision or bankruptcy rule to the contrary, the terms and conditions of this order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon entry.

8. The Court retains jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

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Copy furnished to:

Barbara A. Hart, Esquire

(Attorney Barbara A. Hart, Esquire is directed to serve a copy of this order upon those counsel or parties who are authorized to receive NEF in these jointly administered cases and to file a certificate of service.)

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