

Objection Deadline: 15 Days after Filing on ECF
Hearing Date: To be Determined, if Necessary

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UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF
ROCKVILLE CENTRE, NEW YORK,¹

Debtor.

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Chapter 11

Case No. 20-12345 (MG)

**ELEVENTH MONTHLY FEE STATEMENT
OF JOSEPH HAGE AARONSON LLC FOR
SERVICES RENDERED AND REIMBURSEMENT OF
EXPENSES INCURRED AS COUNSEL TO FUTURE
CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE FROM APRIL 1, 2023
THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

¹ The Debtor in this chapter 11 case is The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York; the last four digits of its federal tax identification number are 7437; and its mailing address is 50 North Park Avenue P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023.

Name of Applicant	Joseph Hage Aaronson LLC
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Future and Unknown Claimants, as Counsel to Future Claims Representative
Date of Retention	November 8, 2021
Period for which Compensation and Reimbursement is Sought	April 1, 2023 to April 30, 2023
Amount of Compensation Sought:	\$ 21,452.50
Less 20% Holdback	(\$ 4,290.50)
Net Compensation Requested Now	\$ 17,162.00
Amount of Expenses Sought	\$ 784.23
Amount of Reimbursement Sought	\$ 784.23
Total Payment Requested Now	\$ 17,946.23

This is a: ☒ Monthly ☐ Interim ☐ Final Application

1 . JOSEPH HAGE AARONSON LLC (“**JHA**”), as Counsel to the Future Claims Representative in the chapter 11 case of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, (the “**Debtor**,” or the “**Diocese**”) submits this statement of fees and disbursements (“**Monthly Statement**”) for the period from April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023 (“**Compensation Period**”) in accordance with the *Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals* dated November 4, 2020 [ECF #129] (“**Interim Compensation Order**”).

2 . JHA requests interim payment of compensation in the amount of \$17,946.23 (80% of fees of \$21,452.50 and 100% of expenses of 784.23).

Services Rendered During the Compensation Period

3. Exhibit A sets forth a timekeeper summary with respect to the timekeepers on this Monthly Statement, Samuel N. Fraidin and Justin Bakota of JHA. It includes their names, positions, dates of first admission, hourly billing rates, and aggregate hours during the

compensation period.² The hourly rates charged are the regular JHA rate, and within the range disclosed to the Court when it approved JHA's retention.³

4. Exhibit B sets forth a "task code" summary that breaks down the time JHA spent during the Compensation Period by the task codes employed by the US Trustee Program in its Guidelines.

5. Exhibit C includes JHA's contemporaneously prepared time entries for the Compensation Period, as they are maintained electronically by JHA, and as JHA regularly attaches them to bills it sends out for its services.

6. Exhibit D sets forth the expenses for which JHA seeks reimbursement, organized by general disbursement categories (even though expenses are in a single category)

7. Exhibit E is JHA's invoice for the services that it performed during the Compensation Period, and its contemporaneously prepared time entries for the Compensation Period.⁴

Notice and Objection Procedures

8. Pursuant to Paragraph 2(c) of the Interim Compensation Order, this Monthly Statement is being filed with the Court.

9. Pursuant to Paragraph 2(b) of the Interim Compensation Order, this Monthly Statement is being served, on this day, upon the "**Notice Parties**" (as there defined, and also listed below) as follows:

² A matter requested under US Trustee Program Guidelines that is not included is "Primary department, group or section," as it is inapplicable to Mr. Bakota and Mr. Fraidin. For the purposes of this engagement, their rates were frozen at the levels at which they existed when JHA's retention was authorized.

³ See *Order Authorizing Retention of Counsel to Legal Representative for Future Claimants*, dated December 16, 2021 (ECF #921) ("**JHA Retention Order**")

⁴ Information for wire transfers is not included on this publicly filed invoice, and instead has been provided to the Diocese through its counsel.

- (a) *Debtor*, c/o The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, 50 N Park Ave P.O. Box 9023, Rockville Centre, NY 11571-9023 (Attn: Thomas Renker) (by First Class Mail);
- (b) *Debtor's Counsel*, Jones Day (Attn: Corinne Ball, Esq., Benjamin Rosenblum, Esq. and Andrew M. Butler, Esq.) (By Email);
- (c) *Counsel to the Creditors' Committee*, Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones LLP (Attn: James Stang, Esq. Ilan D. Scharf, Esq. and Karen B. Dine, Esq.) (by Email);
- (d) *Office of the United States Trustee Region 2* (Attn: Greg Zipes, Esq.) (by Email).

No other or further notice need be provided.

10. Pursuant to Paragraph 2(e) of the Interim Compensation Order, objections to this Application, if any, must be served upon the undersigned Future Claims Representative and the Notice Parties within 15 days of the filing with the Court of this Monthly Statement (the “**Objection Deadline**”). Any such objection must set forth the nature of the objection and the amount of fees or expenses at issue.

11. If no objections to this Monthly Statement are made on or before the Objection Deadline, a Certificate of No Objection will be filed on JHA’s behalf with the Court, after which the Debtor will be authorized to pay JHA the 80% of the fees set forth above (or the portion of such as to which there has been no objection).

12. To the extent an objection to this Monthly Statement is timely made, the Debtor must withhold payment of that portion of the Monthly Statement to which the objection is directed and promptly pay the remainder of the fees and disbursements in the percentages set

forth above. To the extent such objection is not resolved, it will be preserved and presented to the Court at the next interim or final fee application hearing.

13. No prior request for the relief sought in this fee statement has been made in this or any other court.

Dated: New York, New York
May 31, 2023

/s/ Robert E. Gerber
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Exhibit A (Timekeeper Summary)
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Name of Professional	Description	Hourly Rate	Other Info Requested	Total Hours Billed	Total Amount Billed
Justin Bakota	Staff Counsel/ Managing Clerk	\$300	Admitted to practice 2009. JHA does not have departments.	4.2	\$1,260
Samuel N. Fraidin	Counsel	\$1,025	Admitted to practice 2006. JHA does not have departments.	19.7	\$20,192.50

Exhibit B (Task Code Summary)
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ABA UTBMS Bankruptcy Code	US Trustee Program Description	Hours	Total Amount
B160	Employment of Professionals	4.2	\$ 1,260.00
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	19.7	\$ 20,192.50
Total		23.9	\$ 21,452.50

Exhibit C (Time Entries)
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Primary Timekeeper: 74 Robert E. Gerber

**Client: 52301.03 Gerber Fiduciary Services
Rockville Centre Diocese FCR Legal Services**

Gerber Fiduciary

Contact:

Primary Timekeeper:	74 REG	Category:	2 Bankruptcy		
Secondary Timekeeper:	74 REG	Draft Template:	STI	Rate Code:	3
Originating Timekeeper:	74 REG	Final Template:	STI	Date Opened:	12/16/2021
Previous Balance:	29,751.70				

Date	Tkpr	Src	R C	Task Code	Ref #	Rate	Hours Worked	Amount	Description
Fees									
04/03/2023	27	SNF		B320 A102	96	1,025.00	7.10	7,277.50	Research on motion to dismiss
04/04/2023	27	SNF		B320 A105	97	1,025.00	0.50	512.50	Call with Bob Gerber re research on motion to dismiss
04/04/2023	27	SNF		B320 A102	98	1,025.00	1.30	1,332.50	Research on motion to dismiss
04/04/2023	27	SNF		B320 A105	99	1,025.00	0.70	717.50	Email Bob Gerber re research on motion to dismiss
04/05/2023	27	SNF		B320 A102	100	1,025.00	2.00	2,050.00	Research on motion to dismiss
04/05/2023	27	SNF		B320 A105	101	1,025.00	0.70	717.50	Email Bob Gerber re research on motion to dismiss
04/15/2023	27	SNF		B320 A105	102	1,025.00	0.70	717.50	Email with Bob Gerber re research on motion to dismiss
04/18/2023	27	SNF		B320 A102	103	1,025.00	1.30	1,332.50	Research on motion to dismiss
04/19/2023	27	SNF		B320 A102	104	1,025.00	4.00	4,100.00	Research on motion to dismiss
04/19/2023	27	SNF		B320 A105	105	1,025.00	1.40	1,435.00	Email with Bob Gerber re research on motion to dismiss
Billable Total:		27	Samuel N. Fraidin				19.70	20,192.50	
04/18/2023	51	JLB		B160 A103	95	300.00	0.50	150.00	Prepare documents and cover letter and send to Judge Glenn
04/25/2023	51	JLB		B160 A103	106	300.00	3.20	960.00	Prepare March fee statements and February CNOs per R. Gerber
04/28/2023	51	JLB		B160 A103	107	300.00	0.50	150.00	File and serve March fee statements and February CNOs per R. Gerber
Billable Total:		51	Justin L. Bakota				4.20	1,260.00	
							<u>23.90</u>	<u>21,452.50</u>	
Total Billable Fees									

Expenses

04/30/2023	74 REG	B110	E106	8	784.23	Online research - Westlaw - April 2023
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Total Billable Expenses

784.23

RECAP

Fees:	21,452.50				
Expenses:	784.23	Previous Balance:	29,751.70		
Advances:	0.00	Payments/Credits:	0.00		
Total WIP:	22,236.73	Balance Due:	29,751.70	Total:	51,988.43

A/R:	0-30	31-60	61-90	91-120	121-180	181+
	6,217.50	0.00	20,682.50	870.00	1,926.00	55.70

Exhibit D (Expenses Summary) Follows on Next Page

ABA UTBMS Expenses Code	Description	Total Amount
E106	Online Research	\$ 784.23
Total		\$ 784.23

Exhibit E (Invoice) Follows on Next Page

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May 31, 2023

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Invoice No. 5230103-15

**FOR SERVICES AS COUNSEL TO ROBERT E. GERBER, FUTURE
CLAIMS REPRESENTATIVE:**

Client: **Gerber Fiduciary Services**

Matter: **Rockville Centre Diocese FCR Legal Services**

For services as counsel to Future Claims Representative in chapter 11 case of The Roman Catholic Diocese of Rockville Centre, New York (Case No. 20-12345), rendered from April 1, 2023 through April 30, 2023, as detailed in attached computerized statement.

Fees	\$21,452.50
Less fees (20%) for which payment is deferred.....	(\$4,290.50)
Expenses.....	<u>\$784.23</u>
Total payment requested now.....	\$17,946.23

**[Wire transfer information
and Federal Tax I.D.
was provided to your counsel]**