

ORDERED.

Dated: June 14, 2024



Grace E. Robson
United States Bankruptcy Judge

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA
ORLANDO DIVISION
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IN RE:

Chapter 11 Cases

RED LOBSTER MANAGEMENT LLC,¹

Case No. 6:24-bk-02486-GER
Lead Case

Jointly Administered with

RED LOBSTER RESTAURANTS LLC,
RLSV, INC.,
RED LOBSTER CANADA, INC.,
RED LOBSTER HOSPITALITY LLC,
RL KANSAS LLC,
RED LOBSTER SOURCING LLC,
RED LOBSTER SUPPLY LLC,
RL COLUMBIA LLC,
RL OF FREDERICK, INC.,
RED LOBSTER OF TEXAS, INC.,

Case No. 6:24-bk-02487-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02488-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02489-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02490-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02491-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02492-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02493-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02494-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02495-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02496-GER

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are Red Lobster Management LLC (6889); Red Lobster Sourcing LLC (3075); Red Lobster Supply LLC (9187); RL Kansas LLC (2396); Red Lobster Hospitality LLC (5297); Red Lobster Restaurants LLC (4308); RL Columbia LLC (7825); RL of Frederick, Inc. (9184); RL Salisbury, LLC (7836); RL Maryland, Inc. (7185); Red Lobster of Texas, Inc. (1424); Red Lobster of Bel Air, Inc. (2240); RLSV, Inc. (6180); Red Lobster Canada, Inc. (4569); and Red Lobster International Holdings LLC (4661). The Debtors' principal offices are located at 450 S. Orange Avenue, Suite 800, Orlando, FL 32801.

RL MARYLAND, INC.,
RED LOBSTER OF BEL AIR, INC.,
RL SALISBURY, LLC,
RED LOBSTER INTERNATIONAL HOLDINGS LLC,

Case No. 6:24-bk-02497-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02498-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02499-GER
Case No. 6:24-bk-02500-GER

Debtors.

**ORDER APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT OF THE LAW
FIRM OF KING & SPALDING LLP AS CO-COUNSEL TO THE
DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION, EFFECTIVE AS OF THE PETITION DATE**

THIS CASE came before the Court for a hearing on June 14, 2024, at 9:30 a.m. in Orlando, Florida (the “Hearing”) upon the *Debtors’ Application for Approval of the Employment of the Law Firm of King & Spalding LLP as Co-Counsel to the Debtors-in-Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* [ECF No. 98] (the “Application”),² filed by the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the “Debtors”), seeking entry of an order authorizing the employment of King & Spalding LLP (“K&S”), pursuant to section 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rule 2014(a), as co-counsel to the Debtors, as more fully set forth in the Application. The Court finds that: (i) it has jurisdiction over the matters raised in the Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (ii) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A); (iii) it may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; (iv) venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; (v) notice of the Application and the Hearing were appropriate under the circumstances and no other notice need be provided; (vi) the relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtors, their estates, their creditors, and other parties-in-interest; (vii) the Court having found that based on the representations made in the Dutson Declaration that K&S does not hold or represent an interest adverse to the Debtors’ estates; the Dutson Declaration contains a verified statement as required by Bankruptcy Rule 2014

² All capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Application.

demonstrating that K&S is disinterested as required by 11 U.S.C. § 327(a), and the Dutson Declaration makes relevant disclosures as required by Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and 2016; and (viii) upon review of the record before the Court, including the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application, the Dutson Declaration, the *Verified Statement of Nicholas Haughey, Proposed Chief Restructuring Officer to the Debtors, Red Lobster Management LLC, et al., in Support of Debtors' Application for Approval of the Employment of the Law Firm of King & Spalding LLP as Co-Counsel to the Debtors-in-Possession, Effective as of the Petition Date* filed under a Notice of Filing on June 12, 2024 [ECF No. 348], and the First Day Declaration, and the record of the Hearing, all of which are incorporated herein, the Court determines that good and sufficient cause exists to grant the relief requested in the Application. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that:

1. The Application is **APPROVED**.
2. The Debtors are authorized to employ and retain K&S as their counsel in accordance with the terms and conditions set forth in the Application and the Engagement Letter, effective as of the Petition Date.
3. K&S shall apply for compensation and reimbursement of costs, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, at its ordinary rates, as they may be adjusted from time to time, for services rendered and costs incurred on behalf of the Debtors. K&S shall comply with the U.S. Trustee's *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 United States Code § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* and this Court's *Order Granting Debtors' Motion for Order Establishing Procedures for Monthly and Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals*.

4. The Debtors are authorized and empowered to take all reasonable actions necessary to effectuate the relief granted in this Order in accordance with the Application.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation, interpretation, and enforcement of this Order.

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(Attorney Paul Steven Singerman is directed to serve a copy of this order on interested parties who do not receive service by CM/ECF and file a proof of service within three days of entry of the order.)