

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI

IN RE: JOHN COLEMAN
DEBTOR

CHAPTER 7
CASE NO. 21-11833-SDM

FIRST APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF NECESSARY EXPENSES
FOR THE LAW OFFICES OF WHITTINGTON, BROCK & SWAYZE, P.A.

COMES NOW the Law Offices of Whittington, Brock & Swayze, P.A. (“Applicant”), and files this its *First Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Necessary Expenses for the Law Offices of Whittington, Brock & Swayze, P.A.* (the Application”), counsel for the Debtor, and in support thereof, would show as follows:

1. On September 29, 2021, the Debtor herein filed with this Court his Voluntary Petition for bankruptcy under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code (the “Petition”), said Petition has since been converted to Chapter 7.

2. On June 2, 2022, an Order [DKT #192] approving the employment of co-counsel, Law Offices of Craig M. Geno, PLLC, as attorneys for Debtor, was entered by the Court.

3. Substantial services have been rendered by the Applicant to the Debtor and the expenses incurred by Applicant benefitted the estate. An Affidavit reflecting said legal services rendered and expenses incurred is attached hereto as **Exhibit “A”**. The Affidavit also certifies and represents to the Court that the services rendered to the Debtor were reasonable and necessary and that said services have actually been rendered. A detailed itemization of such services and expenses is attached as **Exhibit “B”** and incorporated by reference.

4. The fees and expenses charged and incurred represent reasonable and necessary fees and expenses that were required to be extended by Applicant to the Debtor in all matters which are anticipated to arise in the functioning of litigation matters, case administration and to protect and preserve all rights of the Debtor and the interests of creditors in furtherance of the counsel’s

obligations herein; and they represent normal and customary fees and expenses incurred and charged for representation of debtors in similar cases. The time, skill and experience utilized by counsel for the Debtor justify the approval of the Application.

5. This is the Applicant's first request for allowance of compensation for professional services rendered in this proceeding. This request cover the period from September 27, 2021 to and including May 2, 2023, and is for the sum of \$14,630.00 in fees and \$251.28 in expenses.

WHEREFORE, PREMISES CONSIDERED, Applicant requests that this Court enter an Order awarding reasonable attorney's fees for the professional services rendered herein and authorizing and directing the Debtor to pay said attorney's fees and expenses from funds Debtor's counsel has in trust. Applicant prays for general relief.

THIS, the 8th day of May, 2023.

Respectfully submitted,

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, Charles J. Swayze III, do hereby certify that I electronically filed the foregoing First Application for Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Necessary Expenses for the Law Offices of Whittington, Brock & Swayze, P.A. with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system which sent notification of such filing to all parties receiving notices under the ECF noticing system.

This the 8th day of May, 2023.

/s/ Charles J. Swayze III
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