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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

AMERICAN SIGNATURE, INC., et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25–12105 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

Objection Deadline: January 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) Hearing Date: February 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)

APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF KELLEY DRYE & WARREN LLP AS LEAD COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 5, 2025

The Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of American Signature Inc., et al., the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), submits this application (the "Application") for the entry of an order, substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A, authorizing the employment of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP ("Kelley Drye") as lead counsel to the Committee effective as of December 5, 2025, pursuant to sections 327, 328(a), and 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Rule 2014 of the Bankruptcy Rules, Rule 2014-1 of the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Delaware Local Rules"), and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines (as defined below).

In support of this Application, the Committee submits the *Declaration of Jason R*. Adams (the "Adams Declaration"), attached hereto as Exhibit B, and the Declaration of Michael

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (these "Chapter 11 Cases") are, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are: American Signature, Inc. (6162); American Signature Home Inc. (8573); American Signature USA Inc. (6162); ASI Pure Promise Insurance LLC (6162); ASI Elston LLC (7520); ASI - Laporte LLC (6162); ASI Polaris LLC (6162); ASI Thomasville LLC (6162); and American Signature Woodbridge LLC (6162). The Debtors' business address is 4300 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235.



DiGiacomo (the "<u>DiGiacomo Declaration</u>") on behalf of Realty Income Corp., co-chairperson of the Committee, attached hereto as <u>Exhibit C</u>, both of which are incorporated herein by reference. In further support of this Application, the Committee respectfully represents as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court") has jurisdiction over this Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated as of February 29, 2012.² A proceeding to consider and grant the Application is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b). Venue is proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

STATUTORY BASES FOR RELIEF

- 2. The statutory predicates for the relief sought in this Application are sections 327, 328(a) and 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014 and Delaware Local Rule 2014-1.
- 3. The relief requested is consistent with the U.S. Trustee Guidelines. Compensation sought will be in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code.

BACKGROUND

4. On November 22, 2025 (the "<u>Petition Date</u>"), each of the Debtors filed a voluntary petition for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code with this Court. Since the Petition Date, the Debtors have remained in possession of their assets and have continued to

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Pursuant to Del. Bankr. L. R. 9013-1(f), the Committee hereby confirms its consent to the entry of a final order by this Court in connection with this Application if it is later determined that this Court, absent consent of the parties, cannot enter a final order or judgment with respect to this Application consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution.

operate and manage their businesses as debtors-in-possession pursuant to sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code.

- 5. On December 4, 2025, the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 3 appointed a seven-member Committee consisting of: (i) Man Wah MCO; (ii) H317 Logistics, LLC; (iii) Riverside Furniture Corp.; (iv) Holland House; (v) Tempur World, LLC; (vi) Everest Technologies, Inc.; and (vii) Realty Income Corp.³
- 6. On December 5, 2025, the Committee selected Kelley Drye as its lead counsel and Cole Schotz P.C. ("Cole Schotz") as Delaware co-counsel. On December 8, 2025, the Committee selected Province, Inc. ("Province") as its financial advisor.

RELIEF REQUESTED

7. By this Application, the Committee requests entry of the proposed order approving the employment of Kelley Drye effective as of December 5, 2025, which is the date on which the Committee selected Kelley Drye to serve as lead counsel and the date on which Kelley Drye began rendering services to the Committee. Subject to the terms set forth herein, the Committee seeks to employ Kelley Drye in accordance with Kelley Drye's normal hourly rates in effect when services are rendered and normal reimbursement policies subject to Delaware Local Rule 2016-1 and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court.

THE EMPLOYMENT OF KELLEY DRYE IS WARRANTED

8. Kelley Drye possesses extensive knowledge and expertise in the substantive areas of law relevant to these cases and is well-qualified to represent the Committee. In selecting counsel, the Committee sought attorneys with experience representing the interests of unsecured creditors in chapter 11 cases of this nature. Kelley Drye has represented unsecured creditors'

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committees in numerous other cases. Kelley Drye also has a broad-based practice in other key areas of law relevant to these chapter 11 cases. The Committee believes that Kelley Drye is well qualified to serve as its counsel in these chapter 11 cases.

7. In addition, by separate applications filed contemporaneously herewith, the Committee also seeks to employ (i) Cole Schotz as Delaware co-counsel; and (ii) Province as financial advisor.

I. Scope of Services

- 8. Kelley Drye has and will render, among other things, the following legal services:
 - (a) advise the Committee with respect to its rights, duties and powers in these chapter 11 cases;
 - (b) assist and advise the Committee in its consultations with the Debtors and in connection with the administration of these chapter 11 cases, the sale process, and the ultimate disposition of the Debtors' estates;
 - (c) assist the Committee in the investigations into (i) historic conduct and transactions that may provide value for creditors, and (ii) the assets, liabilities, and financial condition of the Debtors;
 - (d) advise and represent the Committee in connection with matters generally arising in these chapter 11 cases, including the Debtors' motions to (i) obtain DIP financing and use cash collateral, and (ii) sell substantially all of their assets;
 - (e) appear before this Court, and any other federal or state courts;
 - (f) prepare, on behalf of the Committee, any pleadings, including motions, memoranda, complaints, objections, and responses to matters arising in these cases; and
 - (g) perform such other legal services as may be required or are otherwise deemed to be in the interests of the Committee in accordance with the Committee's powers and duties as set forth in the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rules, or other applicable law.

9. Kelley Drye will coordinate with other estate professionals, including Cole Schotz, Province and the Debtors' professionals, to avoid duplication of efforts.

II. Kelley Drye's Disinterestedness and Disclosures

- Debtors' list of interested persons and entities involved in these chapter 11 cases, which is attached as <u>Schedule 1</u> to the Adams Declaration, through Kelley Drye's conflict system, consistent with the U.S. Trustee's requirements. Kelley Drye does not represent, or have any connection with, any of the parties in interest listed on <u>Schedule 1</u>, subject to the disclosures regarding representations in unrelated matters set forth on <u>Schedule 2</u> to the Adams Declaration. Kelley Drye does not and will not represent any such party in any matter related to the Debtors. The Committee has waived any conflict of interest that exists or may exist due to Kelley Drye's prior representation of such party in matters unrelated to the Debtors.
- 11. The Committee does not believe Kelley Drye's representation of such entities or their affiliates in unrelated matters will impair Kelley Drye's ability to represent the Committee in these chapter 11 cases. The Committee has been informed that Kelley Drye will conduct an ongoing review of its files to ensure that no disqualifying circumstances arise. To the extent that Kelley Drye discovers a connection with any party or enters into any new relationship with any interested party that was otherwise required to be disclosed in this Application, Kelley Drye will promptly supplement its disclosure to the Court. Kelley Drye will not, while employed by the Committee, represent any entity having an adverse interest in connection with these chapter 11 cases.

12. Based on the Adams Declaration, the Committee submits that Kelley Drye is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and neither represents nor holds an interest adverse to the interest of the Committee, the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which Kelley Drye is to be employed.

III. Professional Compensation

- 13. The Committee requests that all legal fees and related costs and expenses incurred by the Committee on account of services rendered by Kelley Drye in these chapter 11 cases be paid as administrative expenses of the Debtors' estates pursuant to sections 328, 330(a), 331, 503(b), and 507(a) of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 14. Kelley Drye intends to apply to this Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Delaware Local Rules and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court for all services performed and expenses incurred since December 5, 2025.
- 15. Kelley Drye's current 2025 standard hourly rates, and its 2026 standard hourly rates that will be implemented on January 1, 2026, are set forth below. The rates of the primary attorneys working on this matter are set forth in the Adams Declaration.

Title	2025 Rates	2026 Rates
Partners	\$855 - \$1,635	\$900 - \$1,735
Special Counsel	\$545 - \$1,060	\$585 - \$1,135
Associates	\$565 - \$980	\$605 - \$1,015
Paraprofessionals	\$155 - \$450	\$165 - \$485

16. Kelley Drye has advised the Committee of its 2025 and 2026 rates and that the hourly rates are subject to annual increases in the normal course of Kelley Drye's business. In the event of any additional increases, Kelley Drye will provide the U.S. Trustee and the Committee with notice of any such increase and file a supplemental affidavit (a "Supplemental Affidavit")

with the Court. Any Supplemental Affidavit will explain the basis for the requested rate increase in accordance with section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to section B(2)(d) of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, Kelley Drye will provide justification of the reasonableness of any rate increase.

- 17. As reflected above, Kelley Drye's standard hourly rates will increase on January 1, 2026. Kelly Drye is disclosing information related to this rate increases in this Application to obviate the need to file a Supplemental Affidavit with respect thereto.
- 18. The hourly rates set forth above are the firm's standard hourly rates for work of this nature. The firm's standard rates are set at a level designed to compensate the firm fairly for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed overhead expenses.
- 19. Kelley Drye will charge for expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made to its other clients and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules, the Delaware Local Rules and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. Such expenses include, among other things, long-distance telephone, fax (outgoing only) not exceeding \$0.25 per page, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, photocopying charges at the rate of \$0.10 per page for black and white and \$0.80 for color copies, travel expenses, expenses for computerized research, and transcription costs.

IV. Statement Regarding U.S. Trustee Guidelines

20. In 2013, the Executive Office for the United States Trustee ("EOUST") adopted the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "Appendix B Guidelines"). By their terms, the Appendix B Guidelines "apply to the U.S. Trustee's review of applications for compensation filed by attorneys in larger

chapter 11 cases," and are intended as an update to the original *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330* (the "Appendix A Guidelines" and, together with the Appendix B Guidelines, the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines") adopted by the EOUST in 1996. The Committee and Kelley Drye will make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, both in connection with this Application and the fee applications to be filed by Kelley Drye.

- 21. The Committee requests approval of the employment of Kelley Drye effective as of December 5, 2025. Such relief is warranted by the circumstances presented by these chapter 11 cases. The Committee's selection of Kelley Drye on December 5, 2025, necessitated that Kelley Drye immediately commence work on time-sensitive matters and promptly devote substantial resources to these chapter 11 cases pending submission and approval of this Application.
- 22. No prior application for the relief requested herein has been presented to this Court or any other court.

NOTICE

23. Notice of this Application has been provided to the following parties or their respective counsel: (a) the Debtors; (b) the U.S. Trustee; (c) counsel to the Prepetition ABL Lender and DIP Lender; (d) counsel to the Prepetition Term Loan Agent; and (e) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. Because of the nature of the relief requested, the Committee respectfully submits that no further notice of the Application is necessary or required.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, the Committee requests that the Court enter an order substantially in the form attached hereto as Exhibit A: (i) authorizing the Committee to employ Kelley Drye as lead counsel effective as of December 5, 2025; (ii) authorizing payment of such compensation to Kelley Drye as may be allowed by this Court; and (iii) granting such other and further relief as the Court may deem just and proper.

Dated: December 29, 2025

Respectfully submitted,

THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS OF AMERICAN SIGNATURE INC., et al.

By: M. It Starm

Co-Chairperson of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of American Signature Inc., *et al.*⁴

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Under the Bylaws of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of American Signature Inc., *et al.*, Realty Income Corp., Inc., one of the Co-Chairpersons of the Committee, by and through its representative, has authority to sign documents on behalf of the Committee as appropriate to implement decisions of the Committee made in accordance with the Bylaws.

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Chapter 11

In re:

AMERICAN SIGNATURE, INC., et al., ¹ (Jointly Administered)

Objection Deadline: January 19, 2026 at 4:00 p.m. (ET)

Debtors. Hearing Date: February 4, 2026 at 10:00 a.m. (ET)

Case No. 25–12105 (JKS)

NOTICE OF APPLICATION OF THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF KELLEY DRYE & WARREN LLP AS LEAD COUNSEL EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 5, 2025

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on December 29, 2025, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "Committee") of American Signature Inc., et al., the above-captioned debtors and debtors-in-possession (collectively, the "Debtors"), filed the attached Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP as Lead Counsel Effective as of December 5, 2025 (the "Application") with the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware (the "Court").

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that responses or objections, if any, to the Application shall conform with the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules and the Local Rules of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and shall be filed with the Court and served upon the undersigned so as to be received no later than 4:00 p.m. (ET) on January 19, 2026.

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (these "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") are, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are: American Signature, Inc. (6162); American Signature Home Inc. (8573); American Signature USA Inc. (6162); ASI Pure Promise Insurance LLC (6162); ASI Elston LLC (7520); ASI – Laporte LLC (6162); ASI Polaris LLC (6162); ASI Thomasville LLC (6162); and American Signature Woodbridge LLC (6162). The Debtors' business address is 4300 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that the Application will be considered at a hearing on February 4, 2026, at 10:00 a.m. (ET), or as soon thereafter as counsel may be heard, before the Honorable J. Kate Stickles, United States Bankruptcy Judge for the District of Delaware, 824 North Market Street, 5th Floor, Courtroom 6, Wilmington, Delaware 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF NO OBJECTIONS TO THE APPLICATION ARE TIMELY FILED AND RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE ABOVE PROCEDURES, AN ORDER MAY BE ENTERED GRANTING THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

Dated: December 29, 2025 Wilmington, Delaware

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EXHIBIT A

PROPOSED ORDER

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:

AMERICAN SIGNATURE, INC., et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25–12105 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

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ORDER AUTHORIZING THE EMPLOYMENT OF KELLEY DRYE & WARREN LLP AS LEAD COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS EFFECTIVE AS OF DECEMBER 5, 2025

Upon the application (the "<u>Application</u>")² of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the "<u>Committee</u>") in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases for entry of an order authorizing the Committee to employ Kelley Drye & Warren LLP ("<u>Kelley Drye</u>") as lead counsel effective as of December 5, 2025, the date the Committee decided to employ Kelley Drye, pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103 the Bankruptcy Code; and upon the Adams Declaration attached to the Application as <u>Exhibit B</u>; and upon the DiGiacomo Declaration attached to the Application as <u>Exhibit C</u>; and the Court having jurisdiction pursuant to sections 157 and 1334 of the Bankruptcy Code to consider the Application and the relief requested therein; and the Court having found that this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b), and that the Court may enter a final order consistent with Article III of the United States Constitution; and venue being proper in this Court

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (these "<u>Chapter 11 Cases</u>") are, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are: American Signature, Inc. (6162); American Signature Home Inc. (8573); American Signature USA Inc. (6162); ASI Pure Promise Insurance LLC (6162); ASI Elston LLC (7520); ASI – Laporte LLC (6162); ASI Polaris LLC (6162); ASI Thomasville LLC (6162); and American Signature Woodbridge LLC (6162). The Debtors' business address is 4300 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235.

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pursuant to sections 1408 and 1409 of title 28 of the United States Code; and the Court being satisfied that notice of the Application and the opportunity for a hearing on the Application were appropriate under the circumstances and no further or other notice need be given; and the Court being satisfied, based on the representations made in the Application, the Adams Declaration, and the DiGiacomo Declaration that Kelley Drye does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates as to the matters upon which Kelley Drye has been and is to be employed, and that Kelley Drye is a "disinterested person" as such term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code; and that while employed by the Committee, Kelley Drye will not represent any other person or entity having an adverse interest in connection with these chapter 11 cases; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Application, the Adams Declaration and the DiGiacomo Declaration establish just cause for the relief granted herein; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor, it is hereby ORDERED that:

- 1. The Application is approved as set forth herein.
- 2. Pursuant to sections 328 and 1103(a) of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014 and Del. Bankr. L.R. 2014-1, the Committee is authorized to employ Kelley Drye as its bankruptcy counsel effective as of December 5, 2025.
- 3. Kelley Drye shall apply for compensation for professional services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred in connection with the Debtors' chapter 11 cases in compliance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, and applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Delaware Local Rules and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. Kelley Drye also intends to make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the Guidelines for Reviewing

Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013, both in connection with the Application and the interim and final fee applications to be filed by Kelley Drye in these chapter 11 cases.

- 4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the Application, Kelley Drye shall not seek reimbursement of any fees or costs arising from the defense of any of Kelley Drye's monthly fee statements or fee applications in these chapter 11 cases.
- 5. Notwithstanding anything in the Application to the contrary, Kelley Drye shall (i) to the extent that Kelley Drye uses the services of independent contractors (collectively, the "Contractors") in these chapter 11 cases, pass-through the cost of such Contractors at the same rate that Kelley Drye pays the Contractors; (ii) seek reimbursement for actual costs only; (iii) ensure that the Contractors are subject to the same conflicts checks as required for Kelley Drye; and (iv) file with this Court such disclosures required by Bankruptcy Rule 2014.
- 6. Kelley Drye shall provide ten (10) business days' notice to the Committee, the Debtors and the U.S. Trustee before any increases in the rates set forth in the Application are implemented and shall file such notice with the Court. The U.S. Trustee retains all rights to object to any rate increase not disclosed in the Application on all grounds, including the reasonableness standard set forth in section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, and the Court retains the right to review any rate increase pursuant to section 330 of the Bankruptcy Code.
- 7. To avoid any duplication of effort and to provide services to the Committee in the most efficient and cost-effective manner, Kelley Drye shall coordinate with the other Committee professionals regarding their respective responsibilities in these chapter 11 cases. As

such, Kelley Drye shall use its reasonable efforts to avoid duplication of services provided by any of the Committee's other retained professionals.

- 8. The Committee and Kelley Drye are authorized to take all actions they deem necessary and appropriate to effectuate the relief granted pursuant to this Order in accordance with the Application.
- 9. The terms and conditions of this Order shall be immediately effective and enforceable upon its entry.
- 10. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from the implementation of this Order.

EXHIBIT B

DECLARATION OF JASON R. ADAMS

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

Chapter 11

In re: Case No. 25–12105 (JKS)

AMERICAN SIGNATURE, INC., et al., 1 (Jointly Administered)

Debtors.

DECLARATION OF JASON R. ADAMS

I, Jason R. Adams, hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge after due inquiry as described herein:

- 1. I am a partner of the law firm of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP ("Kelley Drye"), which maintains offices at 3 World Trade Center, 175 Greenwich Street, New York, New York 10007. I am an attorney admitted to practice law in New York.
- 2. I am familiar with the matters set forth herein and make this declaration in support of the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP as Lead Counsel Effective as of December 5, 2025* (the "Application").²
- 3. On December 4, 2025, the Office of the United States Trustee for Region 3 appointed a seven-member Committee consisting of: (i) Man Wah MCO; (ii) H317 Logistics,

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LLC; (iii) Riverside Furniture Corp.; (iv) Holland House; (v) Tempur World, LLC; (vi) Everest Technologies, Inc.; and (vii) Realty Income Corp.³

- 4. On December 5, 2025, the Committee selected Kelley Drye as its lead counsel and Cole Schotz P.C. ("Cole Schotz") as Delaware co-counsel. On December 8, 2025, the Committee selected Province, Inc. ("Province") as its financial advisor.
- 5. Kelley Drye began rendering services to the Committee immediately following its selection by the Committee.

KELLEY DRYE'S DISCLOSURE PROCEDURES

- 6. To prepare this declaration, I, or someone under my supervision, took the Debtors' list of interested persons and entities involved in these chapter 11 cases (the "Search List"), which is attached hereto as Schedule 1, and compared it with the information contained in the conflict systems and indexes of adverse parties currently maintained by Kelley Drye (the "Conflict System").
- 7. The Conflict System is designed to include every matter on which the firm is now or has been engaged since 1993, sorted by the entity which has engaged the firm and, in each instance, listing the identity of the clients, related parties and adverse parties, and the attorneys in the firm who are knowledgeable about each matter. It is Kelley Drye's policy that a new matter may be opened within the firm only after completing and submitting to those charged with maintaining the Conflict System the information necessary to check each such matter for conflicts, including the identity of the prospective client and related adverse parties. Kelley Drye maintains and updates the Conflict System in the regular course of the firm's business, and it is the regular practice of the firm to maintain these records.

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8. Further, an email was sent to each attorney of Kelley Drye to determine if any attorney (a) has a connection to (i) the Debtors, or (ii) current and former officers and directors of the Debtors; or (b) is a relative of (i) any of the Judges or the Clerk of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware, or (ii) the personnel of the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware.

KELLEY DRYE'S CONNECTIONS WITH PARTIES IN INTEREST IN THESE CHAPTER 11 CASES

- 9. I, or a person under my supervision, reviewed the Conflict System results for the Search List to determine whether Kelley Drye has an adverse interest to the Debtors' estates. Kelley Drye ran the names of all parties in interest on the Search List through its Conflict System, and Kelley Drye does not represent, or have any other connection with, any of the parties in interest listed on the Search List, subject to the disclosures set forth herein and on Schedule 2, which is incorporated herein by reference.
- 10. The Committee is aware that Kelley Drye has previously represented or currently represents certain creditors or parties in interest and/or their affiliates in matters unrelated to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.
- 11. I believe the connections disclosed on <u>Schedule 2</u> do not affect Kelley Drye's representation of the Committee in these chapter 11 cases. Kelley Drye's representation of the parties disclosed on <u>Schedule 2</u> in prior and unrelated matters does not comprise a material component of Kelley Drye's practice, nor does Kelley Drye currently represent the parties on any issue relating to the Debtors and these chapter 11 cases.
- 12. Kelley Drye does not represent the Debtors or any of their affiliates, partners or subsidiaries in these chapter 11 cases, and Kelley Drye will not undertake the representation of the Debtors or any related entities during this engagement.

- 13. Kelley Drye will not, while employed by the Committee, represent any other entity having an adverse interest in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
- 14. Insofar as I have been able to ascertain, neither I, Kelley Drye, nor any Kelley Drye attorney:
 - (a) is a creditor, equity security holder, or insider of the Debtors;
 - (b) is, or was within two years before the date of the filing of the petitions, a director, officer, or employee of the Debtors; or
 - (c) has an interest materially adverse to the interests of the estates or of any class of creditors or equity security holders, by reason of any direct or indirect relationship to, connection with or interest in the Debtors or for any other reason.
- 15. Insofar as I have been able to ascertain, subject to the disclosures on Schedule 2, no attorney of Kelley Drye has any connection with the Debtors, the Debtors' officers and directors, the Debtors' creditors, the Debtors' equity security holders, and other known parties in interest or their attorneys and financial advisors, or the members of the Committee. To the best of my knowledge formed after reasonable inquiry, neither I, nor any attorney of Kelley Drye is related to the bankruptcy judge assigned to these chapter 11 cases.
- 16. Based upon the information available to me, Kelley Drye is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and neither represents nor holds an interest adverse to the interests of the Committee, the Debtors, or their estates with respect to the matters on which Kelley Drye is to be employed. To the extent Kelley Drye discovers any connection with any party or enters into any new relationship with any party that would otherwise have had to have been disclosed in this Application, Kelley Drye will promptly supplement its disclosures to the Court.

KELLEY DRYE'S RATES AND BILLING PRACTICES

- 17. No promises have been received by Kelley Drye or any Kelley Drye attorney as to payment or compensation in connection with these chapter 11 cases. Kelley Drye has no agreement with any other entity to share with such entity any compensation received by Kelley Drye or by such entity.
- 18. Kelley Drye intends to apply to this Court for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Delaware Local Rules and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court for all services performed and expenses incurred since December 5, 2025.
- 19. Kelley Drye's current and anticipated standard hourly rates for its attorneys are set forth below. As reflected below, Kelley Drye's standard hourly rates will increase on January 1, 2026. Kelley Drye is disclosing information related to the January 2026 rate increases in this Application to obviate the need to file a Supplemental Affidavit when those rate increases go into effect.
- 20. My hourly billing rate as of January 1, 2026 is \$1,230, and the 2026 hourly rates of the other Kelley Drye attorneys currently expected to be principally responsible for rendering services to the Committee in this case are: Eric R. Wilson (\$1,420), Maeghan J. McLoughlin (\$1,135); Richard Gage (\$1,120); Andres Barajas (\$985); Connie Y. Choe (\$785); Tamara Zapata (\$645) and Monica Sanchez (\$605).

Title	2025 Rates	2026 Rates
Partners	\$855 - \$1,635	\$900 - \$1,735
Special Counsel	\$545 - \$1,060	\$585 - \$1,135
Associates	\$565 - \$980	\$605 - \$1,015
Paraprofessionals	\$155 - \$450	\$165 - \$485

- 21. Kelley Drye has advised the Committee of its 2025 and 2026 rates and that the hourly rates are subject to annual increases in the normal course of Kelley Drye's business. In the event of any further increase, Kelley Drye will provide the U.S. Trustee and the Committee with notice of any such increase and will file a supplemental affidavit (a "Supplemental Affidavit") with the Court. Any Supplemental Affidavit will explain the basis for the requested rate increase in accordance with section 330(a)(3)(F) of the Bankruptcy Code. Pursuant to section B(2)(d) of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, Kelley Drye will provide justification of the reasonableness of any rate increase.
- 22. The Application requests, pursuant to section 327, 328(a), 1103, 330, and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, approval of the Committee's employment of Kelley Drye as its counsel. The hourly rates set forth above and in the Application are the firm's standard hourly rates for work of this nature. The firm's standard rates are set at a level designed to compensate the firm fairly for the work of its attorneys and paralegals and to cover fixed overhead expenses.
- 23. Kelley Drye will charge for expenses in a manner and at rates consistent with charges made to its other clients and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, and in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules, Delaware Local Rules, and any other applicable procedures and orders of the Court. Such expenses include, among other things, long-distance telephone, fax (outgoing only) not exceeding \$0.25 per page, mail and express mail charges, special or hand delivery charges, photocopying charges at the rate of \$0.10 per page for black and white and \$0.80 for color copies, travel expenses, expenses for computerized research, and transcription costs.

STATEMENT REGARDING U.S. TRUSTEE GUIDELINES

24. In 2013, the Executive Office for the United States Trustee (the "EOUST") adopted the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013* (the "Appendix B Guidelines"). By their terms, the Appendix B Guidelines "apply to the U.S. Trustee's review of applications for compensation filed by attorneys in larger chapter 11 cases," and are intended as an update to the original Appendix A Guidelines adopted by the EOUST in 1996. Kelley Drye will comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and additional disclosures as set forth in the U.S. Trustee's Guidelines, both in connection with the Application and any fee applications to be filed by Kelley Drye in these chapter 11 cases.

ATTORNEY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO APPENDIX B GUIDELINES

25. The following is provided in response to the request for additional information set forth in ¶ D.1 of the Appendix B Guidelines.

Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your

standard or customary billing arrangements for this engagement?

Answer: No.

Question: Do any of the professionals included in this engagement vary their

rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Answer: No.

Question: If you represented the client in the 12 months prepetition, disclose

your billing rates and material financial terms for the prepetition engagement, including any adjustments the 12 months prepetition. If your billing rates and material financial terms have changed postpetition, explain the difference and the reasons for the difference.

Answer: Kelley Drye did not represent the Committee in the 12 months

prepetition. Kelley Drye has represented other committees in the

12 months prepetition in other bankruptcy cases.

Question: Has your client approved your prospective budget and staffing plan

and, if so, for what budget period.

Answer: Yes, for the period of December 5, 2025 through March 31, 2026.

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Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the forgoing

is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on December 29, 2025

/s/ Jason R. Adams
Jason R. Adams

SCHEDULE 1

List of Schedules

<u>Schedule</u>	Category
1(a)	Debtors
1(b)	Current and Former Affiliates
1(c)	Current Directors and Officers
1(d)	5% or More Equity Holders
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1(f)	Employee Benefit Providers
1(g)	Banks
1(h)	Debtor Professionals
1(i)	Lender Professionals
1(i)	Insurance Providers
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1(1)	Shippers and Distribution Centers
1(m)	Surety & Letters of Credit
1(n)	Utility Providers
1(o)	Landlords

SCHEDULE 1(a)

Debtors

ASI Elston LLC
ASI Thomasville LLC
American Signature Home Inc.
American Signature USA Inc.
American Signature Woodbridge LLC
American Signature, Inc.
ASI - LaPorte LLC
ASI POLARIS LLC
ASI Pure Promise Insurance LLC

SCHEDULE 1(b)

Current and Former Affiliates

Kroehler Corporation Kroehler Furniture Mfg. Co., Inc. Luxury Delivery Service, Inc. Schottenstein Stores Corporation Value City Furniture, Inc.

SCHEDULE 1(c)

Current Directors and Officers

Brian T. Strayton Deana Carrington Dena Schilling Eric Jackson Eric R. Duerksen George Hunter George Vemadakis Jay L. Schottenstein

Jeffry D. Swanson

Jim Dierker

Joseph A. Schottenstein

Kelly Routhier

Kevin Hughes Melita Garrett Abbey

Patrick J. Sanderson

Richard Favata

Steven D. Rabe

Suzanne Kiggin

Tod H. Friedman

William R. Kugel

SCHEDULE 1(d)

5% or More Equity Holders

Jay L. Schottenstein Schottenstein Stores Corporation

SCHEDULE 1(e)

Bankruptcy Judges and Staff and U.S. Trustee Office Personnel

Chief Judge Karen B. Owens

Judge Brendan L. Shannon

Judge Craig T. Goldblatt

Judge J. Kate Stickles

Judge John T. Dorsey

Judge Laurie Selber Silverstein

Judge Mary F. Walrath

Judge Tomas M. Horan

Andrew Vara

Benjamin Hackman

Christine Green

Diane Giordano

Dion Wynn

Edith A. Serrano

Elizabeth Thomas

Hannah M. Mccollum

Hawa Konde

Holly Dice

James R. O'malley

Jane Leamy

Jonathan Lipshie

Jonathan Nyaku

Joseph Cudia

Joseph Mcmahon

Lauren Attix

Linda Casey

Linda Richenderfer

Malcolm M. Bates

Michael Girello

Nyanquoi Jones

Richard Schepacarter

Rosa Sierra-Fox

Shakima L. Dortch

Timothy J. Fox, Jr.

SCHEDULE 1(f)

Employee Benefit Providers

Anthem

Anthem Blue Cross And Blue Shield

BenefitHub

Carelonrx Through Anthem

Cigna

Express Scripts

Fidelity

Hinge Health

Lark Through Anthem

Legalshield

MetLife

Omada

Prudential

Talkspace Through Anthem EAP

VSP

SCHEDULE 1(g)

Banks

Alex Brown Morgan Stanley PNC Bank, National Association Raymond James The Huntington National Bank

SCHEDULE 1(h)

Debtor Professionals

Berkeley Research Group, LLC C Street Advisory Group, LLC Pachulski Stang Ziehl & Jones Llp SSG Advisors, LLC

SCHEDULE 1(i)

Lender Professionals

Choate, Hall & Stewart LLP

SCHEDULE 1(j)

Insurance Providers

Ace American Insurance Co

American Guarantee & Liability Insurance Co

American International Reinsurance Co Ltd

Amwins Insurance Brokerage LLC

Arch Insurance Company

Aspen Insurance Uk Limited

Aspen Specialty Insurance Company

Atlantic Security Ltd.

Chubb Bermuda Insurance Ltd.

Cobbs Allen Capital LLC

Crc Group

Crum & Forster Specialty Insurance Company

Endurance American Specialty Ins Co

Everest Indemnity Insurance Co

Everest International Assurance Ltd.

Everest National Insurance Co

Factory Mutual Insurance Company

Freedom Specialty Insurance Co

Gai Insurance Company Limited

Gemini Insurance Company

Great American Assurance Company

Hanseatic Insurance Company Ltd.

Houston Casualty Company

Incline Casualty Company

Insurance Company of the State of PA

IOA National Inc.

Lexington Insurance Company

Liberty Insurance Underwriters Inc

Magna Carta Insurance, Ltd

Midvale Indemnity Company

Navigators Insurance Company

RSUI Indemnity Company

R-T Specialty, LLC - Burbank

Scottsdale Insurance Company

Starr Indemnity & Liability Co

Steadfast Insurance Company

The Charter Oak Fire Insurance Company

The Travelers Indemnity Company

The Travelers Indemnity Company of Connecticut

Travelers Excess And Surplus Lines Company

Travelers Property Casualty Company of America

United Specialty Insurance Company US Specialty Insurance Co Westchester Surplus Lines Insurance Co XL Specialty Insurance Co Zurich American Ins Co of IL

SCHEDULE 1(k)

Lenders and Secured Creditors

PNC Bank, National Association Second Avenue Capital Partners LLC

SCHEDULE 1(1)

Shippers and Distribution Centers

AG Container Transport LLC

Ahm Furniture Service LLC

Alabama Motor Express Inc

American Global Logistics LLC

Ascend LLC

ATS Inc

Axle Logistics LLC

Broadleaf Contracting Inc

Bungii LLC

Castera Transportation

Circle Express Inc

Cosco Container Lines America

Coyote Logistics LLC

Custom Transport Inc

Dolly Inc

Evans Delivery Co Inc

Forward Air Corporation

Franklin Logistics Co LLC

Hapag-Lloyd (America) LLC

Jb Hunt Transport Inc

Keystone Lines

Landstar Inway Inc

LV Trucking Inc

Mediterranean Shipping Co(Usa)

MSC Per Diem Dept

Rapid Response Inc

Robert Bearden Inc

Schneider National Carriers

Silvan Trucking LLC

Total Transportation of Ms

Transport One Inc

Triumph Business Capital

Unique Logistics International

UST Logistical Systems

Wex Bank

Wintrust Bank, N.A.

Zim Shipping Finance Limited

Zim Shipping Per Diem Dept

SCHEDULE 1(m)

Surety and Letters of Credit

American Alternative Insurance American Express Travel Broadstone Avf Michigan, LLC Ohio Bureau of Workers Compensation The CIT Group The Travelers Indemnity Company Trimont LLC Wells Fargo

SCHEDULE 1(n)

Utility Providers

Ameren Illinois Company

American Electric Power Co.

Aqua Ohio Inc

Artesian Water Company Inc

Athena Energy Services

Atmos Energy Corporation

AW Metering Services LLC

Belmont County Water & Sewer

BGE

Caseyville Township Sewer Syst

Centerpoint Energy Services

Charles County Government

Charter Township of Canton

Charter Township of Clinton

Charter Twnshp of Chesterfield

Chesterfield County VA

Citizens Gas & Coke Utility

City of Altamonte Springs

City of Calumet City

City of Charlotte

City of Chicago

City of Clarksville Department

City of Clarksville Tenn

City of Columbia

City of Cuyahoga Falls

City of Daytona Beach

City of Dearborn

City of East Point

City of Franklin

City of Fredericksburg

City of Grand Rapids

City of Hagerstown

City of Joliet

City of Lansing, By Its Board

City of Northlake

City of Novi

City of Portage

City of Richmond

City of Sandusky Acct Office

City of St Peters

City of Taylor Water Dept

City of Toledo

City of Traverse City

City of Utica

City of Virginia Beach

City of Westland

Cobb Place Property LLC

Columbia Gas

Columbia Gas of Kentucky

Columbia Gas of Maryland

Columbia Gas of Ohio

Columbia Gas of Virginia

Columbus - City Treasurer

Commonwealth Edison Company

Constellation Energy Services

Constellation Newenergy Inc

Consumers Energy Company

County of Henrico

Cranberry Township

Dayton Power And Light Co

Dekalb County

Delmarva Power

Delta Charter Township

Direct Energy Marketing Inc

Dominion East Ohio

Dominion Energy South

Dominion Virginia Power

Downers Grove Sanitary Distrct

DTE Energy

Duke Energy

Duquesne Light Company

Edge Properties LLC

EMC Natural Gas Inc

Engie North America Inc

Evansville Water And Sewer

Fairfax County Water Authority

Flint Township

Florence Water And Sewer

Florida Power & Light Company

Franklin County Sanitary

G&I IX Empire JV DLC LLC

Georgia Power Company

Grand Traverse County Dpw

Greenwood Sanitation

Gwinnett County Dept of Water

Hampton Roads Sanitation Distr

Hillsborough County Water Dept

Huntington National Bank

Huntington Sanitary Board

IGS Ventures Inc

Indiana-American Water Co Inc

Indianapolis Power & Light Co

JEA

Kentucky American Water Co.

Kentucky Utilities Co.

Kochville Township

Lake County Dept of Utilities

LDC Funding LLC

Lexington Fayette

Louisville Gas & Electric Co

Louisville Water Co.

Lower Paxton Township

Mahoning Cty Sanitary Engineer

Mallory Valley Utility Distric

Manatee County Utilities Dept

Merrillville Conservancy Dist

Miami-Dade Water & Sewer

Middle Tennessee Electric

Mishawaka Utilities

Monongahela Power Company

Monroe County Water Authority

Monroeville Water Authority

Montgomery Cnty Water Services

Mountaineer Gas

Murfreesboro Water Resources

Nashville Electric

National Fuel Gas Dist Corp

National Grid

Newport News Waterworks

North Shore Gas Company

Northern Illinois Gas Company

Northern Indiana Public

NYSEG

Ohio Edison Company

Orlando Utilities Commission

Palmetto Utilities Inc

Parkersburg Utility Board

Pennsylvania Power Company

Pennsylvania-American

Piedmont Natural Gas Co

Pleasant Hills Authority

Potomac Electric Power Co

PPL Electric Utilities

Prince William County Service

Profile Energy Inc

Rochester Gas And Electric

Semco Energy Inc

Silver Spring Township

Site Centers Corp

South Central Power Co

South Stickney Sanitary Dist

Southern Maryland Electric

Southstar Energy Services LLC

Spire Missouri Inc

Suburban Natural Gas Company

Tampa Electric Company

The City of Ann Arbor

The Cleveland Electric

The East Ohio Gas Company

The Peoples Gas Light And Coke

The Potomac Edison Company

Toledo Edison

Town of Henrietta

Town of Plainfield

Treasurer of Spotsylvania

UGI Utilities Inc

Union Electric Company

Veolia Water Pennsylvania Inc

Village of Downers Grove

Village of Gurnee

Village of Orland Park

Village of Schaumburg

Virginia Natural Gas Inc

Washington Gas

Waste Harmonics LLC

WV-American Water Co

SCHEDULE 1(0)

Landlords

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2015 Wesel Boulevard LLC

2195 Harlem Road Leasing LLC

4300 Venture 34910 LLC

6100 Pacific, LLC

7500 Brookpark LLC

AILSA 5109, LLC

Alex Hepper

ALISUE LLC

American Signature of Woodbridge, LLC Ann M. Busby

ASI Owned

ASI Sunrise, LLC

B&G Properties Limited Partnership

Balgot Realty Corporation

Bel Air Plaza Limited Partnership

Belden Park Delaware, LLC

Blanding Partners, LLC

BRE Retail Residual NC Owner L.P.

Brian McDermott, M.D.

Brixmor Holdings 10 SPE, LLC

Brixmor Operating Partnership 2, LLC

Brixmor Property Group

Brixmor/IA Regency Park SC, LLC

Broad Street FF, LLC

Broadstone Net Lease, Inc.

BV1 Alum Creek Drive Holdings, LLC

Canton Corners Ford Road LLC

Carl T Julio, Edward V & Anna Julio PTR Charles Triangle, LLC

Chippewa Center, LLC

Cobb Place Shops LLC

Corvair Furniture Manufacturing Co., Inc. CPP River Falls II LLC

CPP River Falls LLC

Crossings at Hobart-I LLC

CTO24 Carolina LLC

Dabaja Fairlane North Properties LLC

DDRTC Heritage Pavilion LLC

Decar Realty, LLC

DIAJEFF LLC

Dr. Julian G. Busby, Jr.

Easton Market SC, LLC

EASTPOINT MALL

Elston Leavitt LLC

Exeter 11266 Enterprise, LLC

Federal Realty Investment Trust

FR Montrose Crossing LLC

Franklin Square Drive, LLC

GPT Managed Holdings. LP

Gregory Camarco

GSA I SPE, LLC

Hill Management Services, Inc.

Holiday Station Properties, LLC

HRE/MStreet Turner Hill, LLC

JLP Beavercreek, LLC

JLP-Baileys Cross Roads VA LLC

JLP-BEAVERCREEK LLC

JLP-Chesapeake LLC

JLP-Cranberry, LLC

JLP-FAIRVIEW HEIGHTS, LLC

JLP-Florence KY, LLC

JLP-Harvard Park LLC

JLPK-Dale Mabry LLC

JLP-Madison LLC

JLP-Orland Park, LLC

JLP-Plainfield LLC

JLP-Richmond, LLC

JLP-TOLEDO MONROE, LLC

JLP-Youngstown, LLC

Jubilee Coolsprings LLC

Jubilee Limited Partnership

Jubilee-Sawmill, LLC

JV Venture Pointe Decelopment LLC

Kaden T, LLC

Kimco of Pennsylvania Trust

Kimco Realty Corporation

KRG Castleton Crossing, LLC

KRG Eastgate Pavilion LLC

KRG Town and Country Manchester LLC

Krinsky & Castelli Properties. LLC

Julian K. & Adrian C. et al

Lakeside Capital Advisors, LP Lakeview Plaza (Orland), LLC Lucky JJC, Inc.

Lynnhaven VC, LLC

Maple Ridge Plaza Acquisitions Marcy D. Cellentani

Market Square Owner, LLC

Mishawaka Investments, LLC

MLRP Army Trail Trade Center, LLC Morse Road Company-I, LLC

MPI Development Group LLC

NC Center Ft. Wayne, LLC

Niki Core I. LP.

Niki Delano, LP.

NNN REIT, Inc.

PAARK Properties, LLC

Pacific Square, LLC

Park Associates

PR Financing Limited Partnership

RCC Chesapeake Center, LLC

Realty Four, LLP

Robert L. Stark Enterprises, Inc.

Rosemont 2019, LLC

RPT Aspen Place, LP

Sandhill Columbia SC LLC

Saul Holdings Limited Partnership

SBV - Holland LLC

SCF RC Funding IV LLC

Schaumburg Associates LLC

Schostak Brothers & Company, Inc. Schottenstein Property Group (SPG) Schottenstein Realty

LLC

SDG Dadeland Associates, Inc.

SG-Mentor, LLC

Sir Barton Place LLC

Skyline Seven Real Estate

Spark Realty Solutions, Inc.

SPG ASI Polaris LLC

Spirit Realty, L.P.

Spotsylvania Crossing DE LLC

SR Clarksville TN LLC

SR Columbia SC LLC

SR Louisville KY LLC

SR Murfreesboro TN LLC

SRL Crossings at Taylor LLC

SRL East Main Center LLC

SRLLC

SSC Akron LLC

SSC Burbank IL LLC

SSC Calumet City IL LLC

SSC Charlotte NC LLC

SSC Market St Sandusky LLC

SSC Monroeville PA LLC

SSC Parkersburg WV LLC

SSC Pittsburgh PA LLC

SSC Springdale LLC

SSC St. Peters MO LLC

St Clairsville Main Parcel, L.L.C

Sterling Ponds LLC

Stoltz Real Estate Partners

Store SPE AVFII 2017-2, LLC

SWTC Partners, LLC

TALCA Daytona Beach, LLC

The Kroenke Group

The Real McKeever LLC

THF Management, Inc.

THF Silver Spring Development, LP TNG Happy Valley, LLC.

Tropicaire Development, Inc.

TRP-MCB Eastpoint, LLC

Truss Greenwood IN LLC

U.S. Transport Corporation

United Properties Corp

US Transport

Utica Park Place Owner, LLC

Walden/Dick/ WR-1

Weingarten Nostat, LLC

Weingarten Realty

West Town Corners, LLC

Westview Center Associates L.C.

Woodbridge VA-JLP LLC

WRI Camp Creek Marketplace II, LP YSJ, LLC

Zamagias Properties

SCHEDULE 2

DISCLOSURES TO KELLEY DRYE'S RETENTION APPLICATION

Kelley Drye currently represents or has represented the following creditors, parties-in-interest and/or their affiliates on various matters wholly unrelated to the Debtors. In each of the three years prior to the Petition Date, such matters have accounted for the percentage indicated below of Kelley Drye's collected revenue.

Party	Relationship to Kelley Drye	Years of Representation	2025 % of Revenue Collected	2024 % of Revenue Collected	2023 % of Revenue Collected
Benderson Development Company	Current Client	2001 – Present	0.09%	0.02%	0.06%
Brixmor Property Group	Current Client	2025 – Present	0.03%	N/A	N/A
Cigna	Current Client	1985 – Present	0.94%	0.72%	0.44%
Crum & Forester Specialty Insurance Company	Affiliate of Current Client	2025 – Present	<0.01%	<0.01%	N/A
Fidelity	Current Client	2022 – Present	0.01%	0.00%	0.01%
Kentucky Utilities Co.	Affiliate of Former Client	2021 – 2023	N/A	N/A	<0.01%
Kite Realty Group	Current Client	2023 – Present	0.16%	0.06%	0.13%
Legalshield	Current Client	2009 – Present	0.01%	0.02%	0.04%
Louisville Gas & Electric Co	Affiliate of Former Client	2021 – 2023	N/A	N/A	<0.01%
MetLife	Former Client	2009 – 2023	N/A	N/A	0.01%

Party	Relationship to Kelley Drye	Years of Representation	2025 % of Revenue Collected	2024 % of Revenue Collected	2023 % of Revenue Collected
Morgan Stanley	Former Client	2005 – 2025	0.00%	0.04%	0.03%
National Grid	Current Client	2013 – Present	0.10%	0.12%	0.16%
NNN REIT	Current Client	2010 – Present	0.10%	0.06%	0.02%
North Shore Gas Company	Affiliate of Current Client	2025 – Present	0.02%	N/A	N/A
Nuveen Real Estate	Current Client	2020 – Present	0.07%	0.28%	0.10%
PPL Electric Utilities	Affiliate of Former Client	2021 – 2023	N/A	N/A	<0.01%
Prudential	Affiliate of Current Client	2018 – Present	0.00%	<0.01%	0.02%
Realty Income Corp.	Current Client	2010 – Present	0.33%	0.12%	0.21%
RSUI Indemnity Company	Affiliate of Current Client	2017 – Present	<0.01%	<0.01%	0.00%
Site Centers Corp	Current Client	2018 – Present	0.05%	0.02%	0.14%
Spirit Realty, L.P.	Affiliate of Current Client	2010 – Present	0.33%	0.12%	0.22%
Talkspace	Current Client	2016 – Present	0.05%	0.02%	0.01%
The Peoples Gas Light and Coke	Affiliate of Current Client	2025 – Present	0.02%	N/A	N/A

Party	Relationship to Kelley Drye	Years of Representation	2025 % of Revenue Collected	2024 % of Revenue Collected	2023 % of Revenue Collected
Veolia Water Pennsylvania Inc	Affiliate of Current Client	2025 – Present	<0.01%	N/A	N/A
Wells Fargo	Current Client	2005 – Present	0.51%	0.67%	0.42%
Wintrust Bank, N.A.	Affiliate of Former Client	2016 – 2025	0.00%	0.10%	0.02%

EXHIBIT C

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL DIGIACOMO

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:			

AMERICAN SIGNATURE, INC., et al., 1

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No. 25–12105 (JKS)

(Jointly Administered)

DECLARATION OF MICHAEL DIGIACOMO

- I, Michael DiGiacomo, hereby declare that the following statements are true and correct to the best of my knowledge after due inquiry as described herein.
- 1. I am over the age of 21 and I am a representative of Realty Income Corp. ("RIC"). RIC serves as a Co-Chairperson of the Committee. I am competent to make this declaration in support of the *Application of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors for Entry of an Order Authorizing the Employment of Kelley Drye & Warren LLP as Lead Counsel Effective as of December 5, 2025* (the "Application") filed contemporaneously herewith.²
- 2. This declaration is provided pursuant to ¶ D.2 of the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C.* § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases Effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "Appendix B Guidelines"), which "apply to the U.S. Trustee's review of applications for compensation filed by attorneys in larger chapter 11 cases," and are intended as an update to the original *Guidelines*

The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases (these "Chapter 11 Cases") are, along with the last four digits of each Debtor's federal tax identification number are: American Signature, Inc. (6162); American Signature Home Inc. (8573); American Signature USA Inc. (6162); ASI Pure Promise Insurance LLC (6162); ASI Elston LLC (7520); ASI – Laporte LLC (6162); ASI Polaris LLC (6162); ASI Thomasville LLC (6162); and American Signature Woodbridge LLC (6162). The Debtors' business address is 4300 E. 5th Avenue, Columbus, OH 43235.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

for Reviewing Applications for Compensation Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 adopted by the Executive Office for the United States Trustee ("EOUST") in 1996. I am informed by counsel that the Appendix B Guidelines request that any application for employment of an attorney under 11 U.S.C. §§ 327 and 1103 be accompanied by a verified statement from the client that addresses the following:

- (a) The identity and position of the person making the verification.
- (b) The steps taken by the client to ensure that the applicant's billing rates and material terms for the engagement are comparable to the applicant's billing rates and terms for other non-bankruptcy engagements and to the billing rates and terms of other comparably skilled professionals.
- (c) The number of firms the client interviewed.
- (d) If the billing rates are not comparable to the applicant's billing rates for other non-bankruptcy engagements and to the billing rates of other comparably skilled professionals, then the circumstances warranting the retention of that firm.
- (e) The procedures the client has established to supervise the applicant's fees and expenses and to manage costs. If the procedure for the budgeting, review and approval of fees and expenses differ from those the client regularly employs in non-bankruptcy cases to supervise outside general counsel, explain how and why. In addition, describe any efforts to negotiate rates, including rates for routine matters, or in the alternative to delegate such matters to less expensive counsel.

A. Identity of the Declarant

3. On December 4, 2025, RIC was appointed to the Committee and was subsequently elected a Co-Chairperson of the Committee. Under the Bylaws of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, each Co-Chairperson of the Committee, by and through its representatives, has the authority to sign documents on behalf of, and to bind, the Committee as appropriate, to implement decisions of the Committee made in accordance with the bylaws.

4. RIC was involved in the Committee's decision to retain Kelley Drye on December 5, 2025, as the Committee's lead counsel in these chapter 11 cases, and participated in negotiating the terms of Kelley Drye's employment together with the other members of the Committee.

B. Steps Taken to Ensure Comparability of Engagement Terms

- 5. I have confirmed with Kelley Drye that, while Kelley Drye's billing rates vary from attorney to attorney based on such facts as the attorney's seniority and position with the firm (*e.g.*, partner, counsel, or associate), years of experience, and the demand for services in the attorney's particular area of expertise, their billing rates do not vary as a function of whether the services performed relate to a bankruptcy engagement or a non-bankruptcy engagement.
- 6. The Committee has been informed that Kelley Drye endeavors to set the hourly rates for its attorneys and paraprofessionals at levels competitive to those charged by firms with which it competes.

C. Number of Firms Interviewed

7. Kelley Drye was one of four firms to interview for the engagement. In connection with Kelley Drye's interview, the Committee evaluated the breadth of Kelley Drye's experience and particular areas of expertise, the firms' prior history of representing committees in chapter 11 cases, and the attorneys to be assigned to this matter.

D. Other Circumstances Warranting Retention of Kelley Drye

8. The Committee has determined that Kelley Drye's attorneys' billing rates are set each year to ensure that their rates are in line with or lower than the billing rates of other comparably skilled professionals at law firms in Kelley Drye's peer group. This, coupled with

Kelley Drye's previous experience as committee counsel in numerous chapter 11 cases, makes Kelley Drye the appropriate choice for lead Committee counsel in these chapter 11 cases.

E. Procedures Established to Supervise Fees and Expenses and Manage Costs

- 9. I understand that Kelley Drye's fees and expenses (i) will be subject to review, comment and objection (if warranted), and Court approval; and (ii) will be subject to the periodic review on an interim and final basis during the course of these chapter 11 cases by the United States Trustee (the "U.S. Trustee") and the Debtors, as well as by the Committee.
- 10. During these chapter 11 cases, the Committee will monitor Kelley Drye's interim fee applications to ensure that the fees and expenses requested therein are reasonable in nature and correspond to necessary or beneficial services rendered on behalf of the Committee. Kelley Drye may amend and supplement its budget and staffing plan as the cases develop to reflect changed circumstances or unanticipated developments and will alert the Committee to those changed circumstances and unanticipated developments in a timely fashion. To the extent the Committee has an objection to the fees and expenses requested by Kelley Drye in any interim fee statement that cannot be resolved to the Committee's satisfaction informally, Kelley Drye has informed me that they will file a notice of objection on the Committee's behalf. In so doing, I understand that Kelley Drye reserves all rights to contest any such objection raised to the allowance or payment of its requested fees and expenses, and the Committee reserves the right to retain conflicts counsel to prosecute any such objection to the extent it cannot be resolved informally by the parties.
- 11. Nothing contained herein is intended to limit Kelley Drye's ability to request allowance and payment of fees and expenses pursuant to sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, nor to restrict Kelley Drye's right to defend any objection raised to the

allowance or payment of such fees. Moreover, nothing herein is intended to restrict the Committee's right to retain conflicts counsel to prosecute any such fee objection to the extent the objection is not resolved informally by the parties or is raised by another party in interest, such as the U.S. Trustee.

F. Other Matters

12. Kelley Drye's hourly rates are subject to annual adjustments in January of each year to reflect economic and other conditions. I have been advised by counsel that, pursuant to ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458, "periodic, incremental increases in a lawyer's regular hourly billing rates are generally permissible if such practice is communicated clearly to and accepted by the client at the commencement of the client-lawyer relationship and any periodic increases are reasonable under the circumstances." I have also been specifically advised by counsel that, pursuant to ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458, "the client need not agree to pay the modified fee to have the lawyer continue the representation." Kelley Drye disclosed to the Committee its rates in effect as of January 1, 2025, and as of January 1, 2026. To the extent Kelley Drye seeks to make any adjustments to its rate structure, the Committee expressly reserves the right to reject any such modification.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

Executed on December 29, 2025

Michael DiGiacomo