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8	UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT	
9	NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
10	SANTA ROSA DIVISION	
11		Lead Case No (CN)
12	In re:	(Joint Administration Requested)
13 14	LEFEVER MATTSON, a California corporation, <i>et al.</i> , ¹	Chapter 11
15	Debtors.	DECLARATION OF EVAN GERSHBEIN IN SUPPORT OF
16		APPLICATION OF DEBTORS FOR ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING AND
17 18		APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF KURTZMAN CARSON CONSULTANTS, LLC DBA VERITA
19		GLOBAL AS CLAIMS AND NOTICING AGENT, AND
20		(II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF
21		Date: TBD
22		Time: TBD Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
23		1300 Clay Street, Courtroom 215 Oakland, CA 94612
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26	The last four digits of LeFever Mattson's tax identification number are 7537. Due to the large number of debtor entities in these Chapter 11 Cases, a complete list of the Debtors and the last four digits of their federal tax identification numbers is not provided herein. A complete list of such information may be obtained on the website of the Debtors' proposed claims and noticing agent at https://veritaglobal.net/LM. The address for service on the Debtors is 6359 Auburn Blvd., Suite B, Citrus Heights, CA 95621.	
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- 1. I am an Executive Vice President of Corporate Restructuring Services for Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global ("Verita"), whose offices are located at 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor, El Segundo, California 90245. Except as otherwise noted, I have personal knowledge of the matters set forth herein, and if called and sworn as a witness, I could and would testify competently thereto.
- 2. This declaration (this "<u>Declaration</u>") is made in support of the *Application of Debtors for Order (I) Authorizing and Approving the Appointment of Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global as Claims and Noticing Agent, and (II) Granting Related Relief.²*
- 3. Verita is comprised of leading industry professionals with significant experience in both the legal and administrative aspects of large, complex chapter 11 cases. Verita's professionals have experience in noticing, claims administration, solicitation, balloting and facilitating other administrative aspects of chapter 11 cases. Verita has acted as official claims and noticing agent in many large bankruptcy cases in this district and in other districts nationwide. Verita's cases in this district and others include: In re The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, Case No. 23-40523 WJL (Bankr. N.D. Cal. May 11, 2023); In re Mariner Health Central, Inc., et al., Case No. 4:22bk-41079-WJL (Bankr. N.D. Cal. Sept. 20, 2022); In re Borrego Community Health Foundation, Case No. 22-02384-11 (Bankr. S.D. Cal. Sep. 27, 2022); In re Verity Health Systems of California, Inc., et al., Case No. 2:18-bk-20151-ER (Bankr. C.D. Cal. Sep. 10, 2018); In re Supply Source Enterprises, Inc., et al., Case No. 24-11054 (BLS) (Bankr. D. Del. Jun. 13, 2024); In re ProSomnus, Inc., et al., Case No. 24-10972 (JTD) (Bankr. D. Del. May 9, 2024); In re Sticky's Holding LLC, et al., Case No. 24-10856 (JKS) (Bankr. D. Del. Apr. 26, 2024); In re SC Healthcare Holding, LLC, et al., Case No. 24-10443 (TMH) (Bankr. D. Del. Mar. 22, 2024); In re Cano Health, Inc., et. al., Case No. 24-10164 (KBO) (Bankr. D. Del. Feb. 6, 2024).

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

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- 4. As agent and custodian of the Court records pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c), Verita will perform at the request of the Clerk's office the noticing and claims related services specified in the Application. In addition, at the Debtor's request, Verita will perform such other noticing, claims, technical, administrative, and support services specified in the Application, subject to 28 U.S.C. § 156(c).
 - 5. Verita represents, among other things, the following:
 - a. Verita is not a creditor of the Debtors;
 - b. Verita is a "disinterested person" within the meaning of section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code;
 - c. Verita will not consider itself employed by the United States government and will not seek any compensation from the United States government in its capacity as the claims and noticing agent in these Chapter 11 Cases;
 - d. by accepting employment in these Chapter 11 Cases, Verita waives any rights to receive compensation from the United States government as claims and noticing agent;
 - e. in its capacity as the claims and noticing agent in these Chapter 11 Cases, Verita will not be an agent of the United States and will not act on behalf of the United States;
 - f. Verita will not employ any past or present employees of the Debtors in connection with its work as the claims and noticing agent in these Chapter 11 Cases:
 - g. in its capacity as claims and noticing agent in these Chapter 11 Cases, Verita will not intentionally misrepresent any fact to any person;
 - h. Verita will be under the supervision and control of the Clerk's office with respect to the receipt and recordation of claims and claim transfers;
 - i. Verita will comply with all requests of the Clerk's office and the guidelines promulgated by the Judicial Conference of the United States for the implementation of 28 U.S.C. § 156(c); and
 - j. none of the services provided by Verita as claims and noticing agent will be at the expense of the Clerk's office.
- 6. Although the Debtors do not propose to retain Verita under section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code pursuant to the Application, I caused to be submitted for review by our conflicts system the names of all known potential parties in interest (the "Potential Parties in Interest") in this Chapter 11 Case. The list of Potential Parties in Interest was provided by the Debtor and included, among other things, the Debtors, non-Debtor affiliates, secured creditors, top unsecured

creditors, and other parties. The results of the conflict check were compiled and reviewed by Verita professionals under my supervision. At this time, and as set forth in further detail herein, Verita is not aware of any relationship that would present a disqualifying conflict of interest. Should Verita discover any new relevant facts or relationships bearing on the matters described herein during the period of its retention, Verita will use reasonable efforts to promptly file a supplemental declaration.

- 7. To the best of my knowledge, and based solely upon information provided to me by the Debtors, and except as provided herein, neither Verita, nor any of its professionals, has any materially adverse connection to the Debtors, their creditors or other relevant parties. Verita may have relationships with certain of the Debtors' creditors as vendors or in connection with cases in which Verita serves or has served in a neutral capacity as claims and noticing agent or administrative advisor for another chapter 11 debtor.
- 8. On May 1, 2023, funds affiliated with GCP Capital Partners LLC ("GCP") indirectly acquired a controlling equity interest in Verita (the "Acquisition"). Pursuant to the Acquisition, an indirect, non-controlling, beneficial minority interest in Verita was acquired by funds affiliated with J.P. Morgan Investment Management Inc. ("JPMIM"). GCP is a middlemarket private equity investment firm based in New York. GCP has made investments in a number of industries, including tech-enabled business services, payments, and select financials. JPMIM is a U.S. registered investment adviser. Designees of GCP are members of the Board of Managers (the "Board") of Verita's ultimate parent company, KCC Parent LLC ("Parent"). Parent wholly owns Verita Intermediate, LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita Global, LLC, which in turn wholly owns KCC Topco LLC, which in turn wholly owns Verita. One representative of JPMIM is entitled to attend and observe (but not vote) at all meetings of the Board, but no designee of JPMIM is a member of the Board.
- 9. Verita searched all entities listed in the list of Potential Parties in Interest against an internal database that includes (i) Verita's parent entities, affiliates, and subsidiaries and (ii) GCP, GCP's funds, and each such fund's respective portfolio companies and investments as set forth in the list most recently provided to Verita by GCP. Based solely on the foregoing search,

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Verita has determined, to the best of its knowledge, that there are no material connections. Chase Bank is listed as a secured creditor on the Potential Parties in Interest List. There are information barriers between JPMIM and the line of business where Chase Bank may be associated with the Debtors.

- 10. To the extent Verita learns of any other material connections between the funds or investments included in the above-described conflicts search and the Debtor, Verita will promptly file a supplemental disclosure. In addition, Verita may have had, may currently have, or may in the future have business relationships unrelated to the Debtor with one or more GCP or JPMIM entities including, among others, portfolio companies of GCP.
- 11. Verita has and will continue to represent clients in matters unrelated to these Chapter 11 Cases. In addition, Verita and its personnel have and will continue to have relationships in the ordinary course of its business with certain vendors, professionals and other parties in interest that may be involved in these Chapter 11 Cases. Verita may also provide professional services to entities or persons that may be creditors or parties in interest in these Chapter 11 Cases, which services do not directly relate to, or have any direct connection with, these Chapter 11 Cases or the Debtors.
- 12. To the best of my knowledge, neither Verita nor any of its employees represent any interest materially adverse to the Debtors' estates with respect to any matter upon which Verita is to be engaged. Based on the foregoing, I believe that Verita is a "disinterested person" as that term is defined in section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code.

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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 information, knowledge and belief. Dated: September 12, 2024 Respectfully submitted, /s/ Evan Gershbein Evan Gershbein **Executive Vice President** Kurtzman Carson Consultants, LLC dba Verita Global 222 N. Pacific Coast Highway, 3rd Floor El Segundo, California 90245 Telephone: (310) 823-9000

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