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Re: Transmittal of Notice of Appeal to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel
Bankruptcy Case: 24-10545
Adv. Proceeding:
Bankruptcy Judge: Charles Novack
Date Bankruptcy Case Filed: September 12, 2024
Appellant: John D. Fiero, Jason H. Rosell, Thomas B. Rupp and Tobias S. Keller
Appellee: Thomas P. Kelly
Date Notice of Appeal Filed: November 30, 2025
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I. INTRODUCTION

William Andrew as the general partner of the Debtor-in-possession Live Oak Investments LP (hereinafter "Debtor") hereby appeals and gives notice of that appeal under 28 U.S.C. §158 to the Bankruptcy Appellate Panel for the Ninth Circuit pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §158(b) from the order of this Court granting the motion to declare void certain action in violation of the automatic stay entered on November 20, 2025 bearing docket entry number 49 in the record of this case.

Pursuant to FRBP §8003(a)(3)(B), a copy of the order appealed from is filed concurrently with this notice and marked as Exhibit 1. The parties to the order appealed from and the names, addresses, and telephone numbers of their respective attorneys are set forth below.

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Federal bankruptcy law says that the creation of an estate is automatic and immediate upon a bankruptcy filing. There is no metaphysical moment in time for state law to alter or modify any prepetition legal rights between the filing of the petition and creation of the estate. And the automatic stay begins at the same time the petition is filed to protect a debtor and its creditors. Congressional intent that these events occur simultaneously and instantaneously is supported by § 541(c)(1)(B), which ensures that state law cannot be used to deprive a debtor of property rights because of a bankruptcy filing.

Id. at 709-11 (emphasis in original).

The Bankruptcy Code does not distinguish between LM's remaining economic rights in Live Oak, and its (presumably contractual) managerial duties. As the *Envision* court held, "Nothing in the Bankruptcy Code renders the economic v. managerial distinction meaningful in the context of the creation of the estate. Any such legal or equitable interest at the time of filing comes into the estate." *Id.* at 711. Accordingly, Live

Oak's removal of LM as its general partner violated the automatic stay and is a void act. For this reason, 1) Thomas P. Kelley III's employment is denied, and Live Oak's prior Chapter 11 counsel is reinstated; and 2) Live Oak's request to withdraw from the disclosure statement and plan filed by LM is denied.

Finally, it is important to note the limits of this order. First, this court is not opining on whether cause exists to remove LM as Live Oak's general partner. Second, this court is not determining whether LM's general partnership duties arise from an executory contract that may not be assumable under Bankruptcy Code § 365.⁵

END OF ORDER

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Federal bankruptcy law determines the scope of a debtor's bankruptcy estate. *See Whiting Pools, Inc.*, 462 U.S. at 204-05, 103 S.Ct 2309. A debtor's pre-bankruptcy rights in property are determined according to state law. *Butner v. United States*, 440 U.S. 48, 55, 99 S.Ct. 914, 59 L.Ed.2d 136 (1979). But where state and federal law "directly conflict, state law must give way." *PLIVA, Inc. v. Mensing*, 564 U.S. 604, 607, 131 S.Ct. 2567, 180 L.Ed.2d 580 (2011). A judge "must simply ask himself or herself whether the relevant federal and state laws 'irreconcilably conflic[t]." *Merck Sharp & Dohme Corp. v. Albrecht*, 587 U.S. ---, 139 S.Ct. 1668, 1679, 203 L.Ed.2d 822 (2019) (internal citation omitted).

Federal bankruptcy law says that the creation of an estate is automatic and immediate upon a bankruptcy filing. There is no metaphysical moment in time for state law to alter or modify any prepetition legal rights between the filing of the petition and creation of the estate. And the automatic stay begins at the same time the petition is filed to protect a debtor and its creditors. Congressional intent that these events occur simultaneously and instantaneously is supported by § 541(c)(1)(B), which ensures that state law cannot be used to deprive a debtor of property rights because of a bankruptcy filing.

Id. at 709-11 (emphasis in original).

The Bankruptcy Code does not distinguish between LM's remaining economic rights in Live Oak, and its (presumably contractual) managerial duties. As the *Envision* court held, "Nothing in the Bankruptcy Code renders the economic v. managerial distinction meaningful in the context of the creation of the estate. Any such legal or equitable interest at the time of filing comes into the estate." *Id.* at 711. Accordingly, Live

Oak's removal of LM as its general partner violated the automatic stay and is a void act. For this reason, 1) Thomas P. Kelley III's employment is denied, and Live Oak's prior Chapter 11 counsel is reinstated; and 2) Live Oak's request to withdraw from the disclosure statement and plan filed by LM is denied.

Finally, it is important to note the limits of this order. First, this court is not opining on whether cause exists to remove LM as Live Oak's general partner. Second, this court is not determining whether LM's general partnership duties arise from an executory contract that may not be assumable under Bankruptcy Code § 365.⁵

END OF ORDER

⁵ The court, however, refers the parties to Collier on Bankruptcy: "Although section 365(e) bars the termination of a contract based on the commencement of a bankruptcy case, an exception in section 365(e)(2)(A) applies to contracts under which the other party is excused from rendering performance to or accepting performance from the trustee or an assignee of the contract. It appears that such contracts may be terminated upon commencement of a case. . . . Although a party may be authorized to terminate such a contract, the contract is still property of the estate until it is terminated, and any termination is subject to the automatic stay of section 362." 3 Collier on Bankruptcy P 365.07[4][b] (16th Ed. 2025)

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I, Gustava Winters, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have sent the attached document to the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Notice and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

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NOTICE OF REFERRAL OF APPEAL TO BANKRUPTCY APPELLATE PANEL

To All Parties:

You are hereby notified the enclosed Notice of Appeal has been filed by <u>Live Oak Investments LP and its general partner William Andrew</u> with the Clerk of the Bankruptcy Court. Pursuant to orders of the Judicial Council of the Ninth Circuit and the United States District Court for this district, this appeal is referred to the United States Bankruptcy Appellate Panel of the Ninth Circuit (BAP).

Dated: 12/5/25

Edward J. Emmons Clerk of Court United States Bankruptcy Court

By: Monica Tartaglia
Deputy Clerk

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