

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

**In re:**

**MIDWEST CHRISTIAN VILLAGES, INC.  
*et al,***

**Debtors.**

**Chapter 11**

**Case No. 24-42473-659  
Jointly Administered**

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**INTERIM ORDER APPROVING APPLICATION TO  
EMPLOY SUMMERS COMPTON WELLS LLC  
AS LOCAL COUNSEL  
FOR THE DEBTORS AND DEBTORS-IN-POSSESSION**

This matter comes before this Court pursuant to the Application to Employ Summers Compton Wells LLC as Local Counsel for the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession (the “Application”) by the above captioned entities (each a “Debtor” and, collectively, the “Debtors”), for authority to employ the law firm of Summers Compton Wells LLC (“SCW”) to represent Debtors as attorneys and counsel herein pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a). The Court has reviewed the record in these matters and further has reviewed and considered the Affidavit of David A. Sosne, and the Rule 2016 Disclosure of Compensation of Summers Compton Wells LLC in conjunction with the Application. The Court finds that SCW asserts:

1. SCW does not represent any interests adverse to the estates in the matters upon which SCW is to be engaged.
2. SCW is a disinterested person within the meaning of 11 U.S.C. § 101(14).
3. The employment of SCW is necessary and would be in the best interests of the Debtors and the bankruptcy estates and that this case justifies what customarily has been called a



retainer; now, therefore:

**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:**

1. The Application is **GRANTED on an interim basis** as more fully set forth herein.

2. The Debtors hereby are authorized to employ the law firm of Summers Compton Wells LLC to represent them in all matters and proceedings arising in or related to these bankruptcy cases.

3. SCW may be paid in this matter for its services on a monthly basis pursuant to Local Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure for the United States Bankruptcy Court for the Eastern District of Missouri 2016-2(B) (“Local Rule 2016-2(B)”).

4. SCW shall apply for interim and final allowance of compensation for its services rendered and reimbursement for its expenses incurred in accordance with sections 330 and 331 of the United States Bankruptcy Code, 11 U.S.C. §§ 101-1330, Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure 2016 and 2017, and Local Rule 2016-1.


5. SCW shall apply all retainers, advanced payments and expense advancements for the payment of fees and expenses authorized by this Court before seeking compensation and expense reimbursement from the Debtors.

6. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as authorizing SCW to be reimbursed or compensated for fees and expenses it incurs in defense of any legal challenge to a fee application.

7. The final hearing (the “**Final Hearing**”) on the Application shall be held on **August 14, 2024, 2024 at 10:00 a.m.** (prevailing Central Time) in **Courtroom 7 North**. Any objections or responses to entry of a final order on the Application (the “**Final Order**”) shall be

filed on or before **4:00 p.m. (prevailing Central Time), on August 7, 2024** and shall be served on: (a) the Debtors, 2 Cityplace Dr, Suite 200, Saint Louis, MO 63141-7390; (b) proposed counsel to the Debtors (i) Dentons US LLP, 211 N Broadway Ste 3000, St. Louis, MO 63102, Attention: Stephen O'Brian and 233 S. Wacker Drive, Suite 5900, Attention: Robert Richards, Samantha Ruben, and Elysa Chew, (ii) Summers Compton Wells LLC, 903 South Lindbergh Blvd., Suite 200, St. Louis, Missouri 63131, Attention: David A. Sosne; (c) the Office of the United States Trustee for the Eastern District of Missouri; (d) the holders of the 30 largest unsecured claims against the Debtors (on a consolidated basis); (e) counsel to UMB Bank, N.A.: Mintz, Levin, Cohn, Ferris, Glovsky and Popeo, P.C., Attention: Daniel Bleck and Aaron Williams, One Financial Center, Boston, MA 02111; (f) counsel to any statutory committee appointed in these chapter 11 cases; (i) the United States Attorney's Office for the Eastern District of Missouri; (j) the Internal Revenue Service; (k) the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (l) the state attorneys general for all states in which the Debtors conduct business; and (m) any party that has requested notice pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002. If no objection or response is timely filed and served, the Court may enter the Final Order without need for the Final Hearing.

8. Within two (2) business days after entry of this Order, the Debtors shall serve a copy of the Order and shall file a certificate of service no later than twenty-four (24) hours after service.

  
KATHY A. SURRATT-STATES  
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge

DATED: July 19, 2024  
St. Louis, Missouri  
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