

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re:

Prodigy Investment Holdings, Inc.,¹

Reorganized Debtor.

Chapter 11

Case No. 23-11120 (BLS)

Ref. Docket No. 1214

**FEE EXAMINER'S FINAL REPORT REGARDING
SECOND QUARTERLY FEE APPLICATION OF MOELIS & COMPANY LLC**

Rucki Fee Review, LLC ("Rucki Fee Review"), the fee examiner appointed in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases and acting in its capacity as such (the "Fee Examiner"), hereby submits its final report (this "Final Report") regarding the *Second Interim Fee Application of Moelis & Company LLC* (the "Second Quarterly Fee Application") [Docket No. 1214] whereby Moelis & Company LLC (the "Firm") seeks interim bankruptcy court approval of fees in the amount of \$300,000.00 and the reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$31,545.12.

BACKGROUND

1. As is typical of investment bankers of its kind, the Firm is not compensated by the hour, but through a structure of fixed fees and contingent success fees. As such, review of the Firm's fees is beyond the scope of Rucki Fee Review's mandate, and Rucki Fee Review instead is tasked only with reviewing the Firm's expenses.

¹ The Reorganized Debtor in this chapter 11 case, along with the last four digits of the Reorganized Debtor's federal tax identification number, is: Prodigy Investments Holdings, Inc. (9565). The location of the Reorganized Debtor's service address is: 3350 Virginia St., 2nd Floor, Miami, FL 33133.



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2. In performance of its expense review procedures and in preparation of this Final Report designed to quantify and present factual data relevant to the requested expenses contained in the Second Quarterly Fee Application consistent with its appointment order, Rucki Fee Review reviewed the Second Quarterly Fee Application and the monthly fee application comprising the same, including the billing and expense entries listed in the exhibits thereto, for compliance with Bankruptcy Rule 2016 and Local Rule 2016-2, as well as the *U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330—Appendix A* and the Firm's retention order. Consistent with the order appointing Rucki Fee Review as the Fee Examiner, Rucki Fee Review did not evaluate the firm's fees, which are beyond the scope of its mandate. Instead, and consistent with its appointment order, Rucki Fee Review addresses only the expense reimbursement request of the Firm.
3. Rucki Fee Review did not prepare an initial report related to the Second Quarterly Fee Application, but instead informally provided the Firm with comments, questions and requests for additional information regarding certain expenses. After the receipt of the additional requested information Rucki Fee Review thereafter conferred with the Firm regarding the same, and following such conferral includes its recommendations in this Final Report.

DISCUSSION

4. As noted above, the Firm seeks reimbursement of \$31,545.12 in expenses in the Second Quarterly Fee Application. Of these expenses, \$4,450.00 is for 6.0 hours of outside legal work incurred in connection with the Firm's fee applications. The remaining \$27,095.12

(collectively, the “Other Miscellaneous Expenses”) consists primarily of travel expenses and overtime meals and transportation charges, but also includes certain other expenses.

5. With respect to the \$4,450.00 in outside legal fees, full invoices supporting these legal fees were attached to the Firm’s monthly fee application as required by Local Rule 2016-2(f) for professional fees billed as an expense by another professional, and the fees were limited in scope to fee application preparation as required by the Firm’s retention order and did not charge for work defending against fee or expense reduction requests or objections. No reduction is recommended on account of these entries.

6. With respect to the \$27,095.12 of Other Miscellaneous Expenses, Rucki Fee Review notes that it generally considers the cost of meals in excess of the following guidelines, per person, to be unreasonable: \$25/breakfast, \$35/lunch and \$55/dinner, for Wilmington and all other U.S. locations, except for New York City and London, \$35/breakfast, \$55/lunch and \$70/dinner; for Washington DC, Chicago, Los Angeles and San Francisco, \$30/breakfast, \$45/lunch and \$65/dinner. With respect to hotel charges, Rucki Fee Review generally considers room charges (inclusive of taxes) in excess of the following rates to be excessive absent satisfactory explanation from an applicant of the justification for exceeding such charges: \$375/Wilmington; \$550/New York City; \$450/Boston and San Francisco; \$400/Washington, DC, Los Angeles, and London; \$325/Chicago, Miami, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh; \$300/Dallas and Houston; \$275/Baltimore and Denver; \$250 for all other U.S. locations. Here, the Firm’s lodging and meal charges do not exceed the foregoing limitations other than one lodging charge. The Firm agreed to reduce this lodging charge to comply with the foregoing limitations, as well as waive two meal charges and reduce or waive various other charges, such as reducing business class and first class

airfare charges to the cost of a coach fare. In the aggregate, the Firm agreed to reduce its Other Miscellaneous Expenses reimbursement request by \$7,860.94 in compromise of Rucki Fee Review's request. Rucki Fee Review considers the balance of the Firm's expense reimbursement request to be reasonable, necessary and appropriate for reimbursement.

CONCLUSION

7. The fees sought in the Second Quarterly Fee Application are beyond the scope of Rucki Fee Review's mandate set forth in the order appointing it as the Fee Examiner, but Rucki Fee Review recommends approval of the Firm's expense reimbursement request in the amount of \$23,684.18, which amount reflects the expense reductions of \$7,860.94 agreed to with the Firm set forth herein.

Dated: April 26, 2024
Wilmington, Delaware

Respectfully submitted,

RUCKI FEE REVIEW, LLC
FEE EXAMINER

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