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10 **UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT**
11 **NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
12 **OAKLAND DIVISION**

13 In re:
14 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
15 OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,
16
17 Debtor.

18 CHAPTER 11
19 CASE No: 23-40523 WJL
20 HON. WILLIAM J. LAFFERTY

21 **EIGHTEENTH MONTHLY FEE**
22 **STATEMENT OF BREALL & BREALL,**
23 **LLP, AS SPECIAL INSURANCE COUNSEL**
24 **TO THE DEBTOR, FOR ALLOWANCE**
25 **AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION**
26 **AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**
27 **FOR THE PERIOD OF FEBRUARY 1, 2025**
28 **THROUGH FEBRUARY 28, 2025**

29 THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
30 OAKLAND,
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32 PLAINTIFF,
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34 v.
35 AMERICAN HOME ASSURANCE CO., a
36 New York corporation; LEXINGTON
37 INSURANCE CO., a Delaware corporation,
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39 DEFENDANTS.

40 ADVERSARY CASE No. 23-04037
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42 Objection Deadline: April 7, 2025
43 4:00 p.m. (Pacific Time)

44 [No Hearing Requested]

1	Name of Applicant:	Breall & Breall, LLP
2	Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Debtor
3	Date of Retention:	Effective as of August 1, 2023 by Order
4		entered June 15, 2023 [Dkt No. 434]
5	Period for Which Compensation and	February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025
6	Reimbursement is Sought:	
7	Amount of Compensation Sought as Actual,	\$ 15,325.00
8	Reasonable and Necessary ¹ :	
9	20% Holdback	\$ 3,065.00
10	Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought as	\$0
11	Actual, Reasonable and Necessary ² :	
12	Total of Compensation (Net of Holdback) and	\$ 12,260.00
13	Expense Reimbursement Sought:	

14 **PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

15 On May 8, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California
16 corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor” or “RCBO”)³ commenced the
17 above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Chapter 11 Case” or the “Bankruptcy Case”). The
18 Debtor continues to operate its ministry and manage its properties as a debtor in possession under
19 sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee, examiner, or statutory committee has
20 been appointed in this Chapter 11 Case.

21 On August 17, 2023, the Debtor filed the *Debtor’s Application to Employ Breall & Breall LLP*
22 *as Special Insurance Counsel Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327(a), 331, 331 & 1107, and Rules 2014 and*
23 *2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure* [Dkt. No. 376] (the “Retention Application”). The
24 Court approved the Retention Application on September 8, 2023, entering the *Order Approving*

25 ¹ Breall & Breall, LLP has agreed not to bill the Debtor for the time it takes its attorneys to travel to or from the Bay Area and
26 such amounts are not included in this Monthly Fee Statement

27 ² Breall & Breall, LLP has agreed not to bill the Debtor for the expenses for its attorneys to travel to or from the Bay Area, in
28 connection with this Chapter 11 Case, and such amounts are not included in this Monthly Fee Statement.

³ Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Compensation
Procedures Order.

1 Debtor's Application to Employ Breall & Breall LLP as Special Insurance Counsel Pursuant to 11
2 U.S.C. §§ 327(a), 331, 331 & 1107, and Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy
3 Procedure [Dkt. No. 434] (the "Breall Retention Order").

4 On May 23, 2023, the Office of the United States Trustee filed its notice of appointment of an
5 Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors [Dkt. No. 58].

6 On May 26, 2023, the Debtor filed the Debtor's Motion for an Order Establishing Procedures
7 for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses of Professionals [Dkt. No. 70] (the
8 "Compensation Procedures Motion"). The Court granted the Compensation Procedures Motion on June
9 23, 2023, entering the Order Authorizing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of
10 Expenses of Professionals [Dkt. No. 170] (the "Compensation Procedures Order").

11 Breall & Breall, LLP ("Breall" or "Applicant"), as special insurance counsel to the Debtor,
12 hereby submits its initial monthly fee statement (the "Monthly Fee Statement") for allowance of
13 payment of compensation for professional services rendered and for reimbursement of actual and
14 necessary expenses incurred for the period commencing February 1, 2025, through and including
15 February 28, 2025 (the "Fee Period") pursuant to the Compensation Procedures Order.

16 By this Monthly Fee Statement, Breall seeks (i) a monthly interim allowance of compensation in
17 the amount of \$15,325.00 and actual and necessary expenses in the amount of \$0 for a total allowance of
18 \$15,325.00 and (ii) payment of \$12,260.00 (80% of the allowed fees pursuant to the
19 Compensation Procedures Order) and reimbursement of \$0 (100% of the allowed expenses pursuant to
20 the Compensation Procedures Order) for a total payment of \$12,260.00 for the Fee Period.

21 **SERVICES RENDERED AND EXPENSES INCURRED DURING THE FEE PERIOD**

22 Attached as Exhibit 1 is the name of each of Breall's professionals who performed services for
23 the Debtor in connection with this Chapter 11 Case during the Fee Period covered by this Monthly Fee
24 Statement and the hourly rate and total fees for each professional during the Fee Period.

25 Attached as Exhibit 2 is a summary of hours by category during the Fee Period.

26 Attached as Exhibit 3 is a summary of expenses included in this Monthly Fee Statement
27 incurred during the Fee Period.

1 Attached as **Exhibit 4** are the detailed time entries for Breall’s professionals during the Fee
2 Period.

3 **NOTICE AND OBJECTION PROCEDURES**

4 In accordance with the Compensation Procedures Order, each Notice Party shall have until the
5 tenth (10th) day (or the next business day if such day is not a business day) following service of this
6 Monthly Fee Statement (the “Objection Deadline”) to serve an objection to the Monthly Fee Statement
7 on Foley and each of the other Notice Parties.

8 Upon the expiration of the Objection Deadline, the Applicant shall file a certificate of no
9 objection with the Court, after which the Debtor is authorized and directed to pay the Applicant an
10 amount equal to 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses requested in this Monthly Fee Statement.

11 If an objection is properly filed, the Debtor shall be authorized and directed to pay the Applicant
12 80% of the fees and 100% of the expenses not subject to an objection.

13 **BREALL & BREALL, LLP**

14 DATED: March 28, 2025

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16 By: /s/ Joseph M. Breall
17 Joseph M. Breall
18 *Special Insurance Counsel for Debtor,*
19 *The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland*
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EXHIBIT 1

**Compensation by Professional
February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025**

Name of Professional Individual	Initials	Position of the Professional, Year of Obtaining License to Practice	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Hours Billed	Total Compensation
Joseph M. Breall	JMB	Partner, 1986	\$750.00	20.43	\$15,325.00
TOTAL					\$15,325.00

EXHIBIT 2

**Compensation by Category
February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025**

Category	Hours Billed this Fee Period	Total for Fee Statement
Retention/Billing/Fee Applications for Debtor Professionals	10.40	\$7,800.00
Discovery	7.73	\$5,800.00
Scheduling and Status Conference	2.30	\$1,725.00
TOTAL	20.43	\$15,325.00

EXHIBIT 3

**Expense by Category
February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025**

Cost/Expense	Amount Billed
	\$0
TOTAL	\$0

EXHIBIT 4

Time

February 1, 2025 – February 28, 2025

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The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland

March 28, 2025
 Invoice No: 14823

In Reference To: The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland vs American Home Assurance Co.
Case No.: 23-40523 WJL
 Chapter 11

Professional Services

		<u>Hrs/Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
<u>Discovery</u>			
2/3/2025	JMB : Review and analyze e-mail from co-counsel with protective orders and status of meeting to discuss discovery documents.	0.25 750.00/hr	187.50
2/5/2025	JMB : Email to defense counsel regarding discovery reps ones and need to sign protective orders.	0.30 750.00/hr	225.00
	JMB : Review and analyze e-mail from co-counsel regarding status of meeting to discuss discovery documents. Respond to same.	0.25 750.00/hr	187.50
2/7/2025	JMB : Conference with co-counsel regarding discovery and document produciton	0.30 750.00/hr	225.00
2/10/2025	JMB : Telephone call with opposing Attorney regarding protective order so that discovery can be sent.	0.20 750.00/hr	150.00
2/12/2025	JMB : Preparation of pleadings - begin preparation of written responses to defendant's request for production of documents.	1.00 750.00/hr	750.00
2/14/2025	JMB : Review and reply to email from defendant's attorney on extension of time to respond to discovery.	0.30 750.00/hr	225.00
2/17/2025	JMB : Preparation of pleadings - continue preparation of written responses to defendant's request for production of documents.	1.00 750.00/hr	750.00
2/19/2025	JMB : Review and analyze and respond to e-mail from defendant's attorney seeking further discovery extension.	0.30 750.00/hr	225.00
2/21/2025	JMB : Preparation of pleadings - finalize written responses to defendant's request for production of documents.	2.00 750.00/hr	1,500.00
2/26/2025	JMB : Review and analyze e-mail from opposing counsel regarding unredacted Clergy Three Settlement Agreement.	0.50 750.00/hr	375.00
	JMB : Review and analyze e-mail from opposing counsel regarding unredacted regarding providing policy information to claimants.	0.50 750.00/hr	375.00

Timekeeper Summary

<u>Name</u>	<u>Hours</u>	<u>Rate</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Joseph M. Breall (JMB)	20.43	750.00	\$15,325.00