

RANDALL NEWSOME ADR AND CONSULTING LLC

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Court Appointed Mediator

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT

NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

OAKLAND DIVISION

In re:

THE ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF
OAKLAND, a California corporation sole,

Debtor.

Case No. 23-40523 WJL

Chapter 11

**COVER SHEET TO THIRD INTERIM FEE
APPLICATION OF RANDALL NEWSOME
ADR AND CONSULTING LLC AND
RANDALL J. NEWSOME, AS MEDIATOR,
FOR ALLOWANCE AND PAYMENT OF
COMPENSATION FOR THE PERIOD OF
JANUARY 1, 2025 THROUGH APRIL 30,
2025**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: August 13, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: United States Bankruptcy Court

1300 Clay Street

Courtroom 220

Oakland, CA 94612

Objection Deadline: July 7, 2025

Name of Applicant:	Randall Newsome ADR and Consulting LLC
Name of Client:	The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland
Time Period covered by this application:	January 1, 2025—April 30, 2025
Total compensation sought this period:	\$49,600
Total expenses sought this period:	\$1,332.60
Petition date:	May 8, 2023
Retention date:	January 22, 2024
Date of order approving employment:	January 22, 2024 (Docket No. 0810)
Total fees approved by interim order to date:	\$43,210
Total expenses approved by interim order to date:	\$1093.40
Total allowed fees paid to date:	\$43,210
Total allowed expenses paid to date:	\$1,093.40
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	\$1000
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	\$1000
Fees sought in this application already paid pursuant to a monthly compensation order but not yet allowed:	\$0
Expenses sought in this application already paid pursuant to a monthly compensation order but not yet allowed:	\$0
Number of professionals included in this application:	1
If applicable, number of professionals in this application not included in staffing plan approved by client:	N/A
If applicable, difference between fees budgeted and compensation sought for this period:	N/A
Number of professionals billing fewer than 15 hours to the case during this period:	0
Are any rates higher than those approved or disclosed at retention? If yes, calculate and disclose the total compensation sought in this application using the rates originally disclosed in the retention application:	\$39,420
Interim or Final:	Interim

None.

Compensation and Expenses Sought in this Interim Application and Not Yet Paid: **\$50,932.60**

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INTRODUCTION

Randall Newsome ADR and Consulting and Randall J. Newsome (“the Firm”) as court-appointed mediator to The Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, a California corporation, and the debtor and debtor-in-possession (the “Debtor” or “RCBO”); respectfully submits this third interim application for allowance of compensation (the “Interim Application”) for services performed for the Debtor for the period of January 1, 2025 through April 30, 2025 (the “Interim Fee Period”) in the above-captioned Chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Bankruptcy Case”).

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The Firm seeks interim approval of its fees and expenses incurred during the Interim Fee Period totaling **\$50,932.60**. This sum represents compensation in the amount of **\$49,600** for the total of **49.6** hours spent by the Firm for mediation services provided to the Debtor and **\$1,332.60** in out-of-pocket expenses. The Firm has received a total of **\$0** in payments for services during the Interim Fee Period. and therefore now requests **\$50,932.60** be paid to the Firm.

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This Interim Application is based upon the contents hereof. Attached as **Exhibit A** are time records detailing the amount of fees charged and hours worked by the Firm during the Interim Fee Period, as well as an itemization of out-of-pocket expenses sought. Attached is **Exhibit B** are the receipts for those expenses. In order to preserve and protect the confidentiality of the mediation, the time entries submitted are not as detailed as is customary in other kinds of fee applications.

BACKGROUND

General Background

On May 8, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtor filed its voluntary Chapter 11 petition commencing the Bankruptcy Case. The Debtor continues to operate its ministry and manage its assets and properties as a debtor in possession under sections 1107(a) and 1108 of the Bankruptcy Code. No trustee has been appointed in this Bankruptcy Case.

On May 23, 2023, the Office of the United States Trustee (the “US Trustee”) filed its notice of appointment of an Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) [Docket No. 58].

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2 The Debtor is a corporation organized under the laws of the State of California. The Debtor
3 conducts its civil affairs under the laws of the State of California and the United States of America
4 and in accordance with the Code of Canon Law, the ecclesiastical law of the Roman Catholic
5 Church. Additional information regarding the Debtor, its mission, ministries, and operations, and
6 the events and circumstances preceding the Petition Date, is set forth in the *Declaration of Charles*
7 *Moore, Managing Director of Alvarez & Marsal North America, LLC, Proposed Restructuring*
8 *Advisor to the Roman Catholic Bishop of Oakland, in Support of Chapter 11 Petition and First*
9 *Day Pleadings* [Docket No. 19], which is incorporated herein by reference.

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11 **Employment of Randall Newsome ADR and Consulting LLC**

12 On January 16, 2024 Randall J. Newsome filed his declaration of disinterestedness with
13 the Court. Pursuant to a January 17, 2024 hearing, on January 22, 2024 the Court entered its order
14 appointing Randall J. Newsome as one of four mediators in this case and referring the parties to
15 mediation.

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17 **Summary of Mediation Services**

18 During the relevant period of this application, the Firm's time was devoted almost
19 exclusively to exploring the possibilities of the debtor's insurers contributing money to the trust
20 fund established by the Debtor's proposed plan of reorganization. These efforts included a two-
21 day live mediation in San Francisco on February 24 and 25, 2025. As of the date of this
22 application, efforts to reach settlements with the Debtor's insurers are ongoing. No time has been
23 charged for travel or preparation of this application.

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25 **REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

26 This application seeks reimbursement of expenses of \$1,332.60 arising from the live two-
27 day mediation session that took place in San Francisco on February 24 and 25, 2025. In addition
28 to the expenses included in Exhibit B, Judge Newsome also incurred mileage costs of \$162.40¹
and tolls of \$16.00.

¹ This amount represents the round trip distance of 232 miles reimbursed at 70 cents per mile.

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COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES

Hourly Rates

The Firm is composed solely of Randall J. Newsome as manager, whose hourly rate was increased from \$900 per hour to \$1000 per hour effective January 1, 2025.

Client Review of Billing Statements

Pursuant to the Northern District Guidelines, an email enclosing this Interim Application is being sent to the Debtor. This email will include the language required by the Guidelines, inviting the Debtor to discuss with the Firm and/or the US Trustee any objections, concerns, or questions the Debtor may have with regard to the requested compensation and reimbursement set forth in the Interim Application.

Notice of Application and Hearing

Notice of this Interim Application and the hearing thereon will be provided to the US Trustee, the Debtor, all parties requesting special notice and other interested parties in accordance with the Bankruptcy Rules, Local Bankruptcy Rules, and any applicable orders of the Court. Complete copies of the Interim Application will be promptly furnished to any other party upon specific request. Therefore, notice should be deemed adequate under the circumstances and in accordance with Federal Bankruptcy Rules 2002(a)(6) and 2002(c)(2). Additionally, this Interim Application is available from the claims and noticing agent, KCC, at no charge.

No Agreements to Share Compensation

The firm has no agreement or understanding of any kind or nature to divide, pay over, or share any portion of the fees to be awarded to it with any other person or attorney.

CONCLUSION

The Firm believes that the services rendered for which compensation is sought in this Interim Application have been beneficial to the estate and that the sums requested for the services rendered are fair and reasonable.

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2 WHEREFORE, the Firm respectfully requests that the Court make an award interim to the
3 Firm in the amount of **\$50,932.60** inclusive of all fees and costs for the period from January 1,
4 2025 through April 30, 2025.

5 DATED: June 16, 2025
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7 **RANDALL NEWSOME ADR AND**
8 **CONSULTING LLC**

9 /s/ Randall J. Newsome

10 Randall J. Newsome

11 Court-appointed mediator
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EXHIBIT A

APPENDIX A
ROMAN CATHOLIC BISHOP OF OAKLAND
TIME RECORDS—1/1/2025—4/30/2025

1/2/25	Review plan provisions and proposed changes in preparation for conference call	1.7	1700
1/2	Conference call with debtor and insurance counsel	1.0	1000
1/3	Conference call with AM Uetz and T. Gallagher	.5	500
1/8	Review debtor's motion for a global mediation	.3	300
1/8	Review numerous e-mails to and from T. Gallagher, C. Sontchi and A. Uetz	.3	300
1/9	Review Ninth Circuit caselaw regarding valuations for purposes of bankruptcy code section 1129(a)(7)	.5	500
1/9	Tc with A. Uetz	.4	400
1/14	Tc with M. Plevin	.4	400
1/14	Tc with S. Warren	.4	400
1/15	Review briefs in support of and in opposition to Motion for mediation session and disclosure statement	.8	800
1/16	Listen to hearing on approval of disclosure statement	3.5	3500
1/30	Tc with AM Uetz	.3	300
2/10	Tc with T. Gallagher; Review and respond to A. Uetz email	.3	300
2/11	Tc with S. Warren	.3	300
2/12	Conference call with debtor and insurer counsel	1.5	1500
2/12	Review Judge Lafferty's 1/29 memorandum of law; email to counsel re: same	.8	800
2/14	Review emails among counsel; respond re: bad faith issue	.3	300
2/18	Review committee response to Judge Lafferty's 1/21/2025 memorandum of law; review insurer's and debtor's replies to same	1.1	1100
2/19	Tc with B. Weisenberg	.6	600

2/20	Tc with AM Uetz	.4	400
2/20	Review red line of Second Amended Plan and Disclosure Statement	1.3	1300
2/23	Tc with S. Warren	.3	300
2/23	Review revised liquidation analysis	.3	300
2/23	Review list of Oakland Diocese properties and gather on-line information about their location, condition and value	4.0	No charge
2/24	Mediation session in San Francisco		10,000
2/25	Mediation session in San Francisco		10,000
2/26	Tc with C. Sontchi, T. Gallagher and AM Uetz	.4	400
2/26	Review and comment on memorandum from the mediators to the creditors committee	.3	300
2/27	Zoom conference with J. Prol, B. Weisenberg, C. Sontchi and T. Gallagher	.9	900
2/28	Zoom conference between mediators and A.M. Uetz	.3	300
2/28	Zoom conference between mediators and committee counsel	.7	700
2/28	Begin review of confidential document provided by RCBO	.5	500
3/2	Review Article 14.2 of the California Insurance Code; review CIGA motion to dismiss adversary proceeding and cases cited therein	2.5	2500
3/2	Finish reviewing confidential document provided by RCBO	.5	500
3/3	Tc with S. Warren	.4	400
4/2	Zoom session with mediators, counsel for the debtor and counsel for the insurers	.8	\$800
4/2	Tc with M. Lee	.2	200
4/7	Zoom conference with mediators, counsel for the debtor and counsel for the insurers	1.2	1200
4/18	Zoom conference with mediators, insurance counsel and debtor's counsel	.6	600
4/21	Zoom conference with mediators and Westport Ins. counsel	1.0	1000
4/22	Zoom conference with mediators and U.S. Fire	.5	500
4/22	Zoom conference with mediators and London market	.5	500
4/22	Zoom conference with mediators and American Home Assurance	.4	400

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4/24	Tc with S. Warren	.2	200
4/24	Tc with M. Lee	.2	200
4/30	Tc w/ T. Gallagher	.2	200

EXHIBIT B

Metropolitan Club San Francisco

640 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 872-7200
Fax:
E-mail: frontdesk@metropolitanclubsf.org
Website: www.metropolitanclubsf.org



Guest Charges

Folio #:	483	Guest : Newsome, Mr.Randy	Conf #: 478
Room #:	605		CRS #:
Payment Method : Credit Card		Billing Reference :	
Rate :		Company :	Arrival: 2/23/2025
	2/23/2025	\$194.30 SF	Departure: 2/26/2025
		, 94102	
Next Payment Due:			2/26/2025
Estimated Next Payment Amount:			\$0.00

Date	Department	Reference	Voucher	Room	Charge	Credit	Balance
2/23/2025	Room Charge	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$194.30		\$194.30
2/23/2025	Service Charge	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$34.97		\$229.27
2/23/2025	Hotel Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$27.20		\$256.47
2/23/2025	TID & MED Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$6.80		\$263.27
2/23/2025	Hotel Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$4.90		\$268.17
2/23/2025	TID & MED Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$1.22		\$269.39
2/24/2025	Room Charge	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$194.30		\$463.69
2/24/2025	Service Charge	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$34.97		\$498.66
2/24/2025	Hotel Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$27.20		\$525.86
2/24/2025	TID & MED Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$6.80		\$532.66
2/24/2025	Hotel Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$4.90		\$537.56
2/24/2025	TID & MED Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$1.22		\$538.78
2/25/2025	Room Charge	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$194.30		\$733.08
2/25/2025	Service Charge	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$34.97		\$768.05
2/25/2025	Hotel Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$27.20		\$795.25
2/25/2025	TID & MED Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$6.80		\$802.05
2/25/2025	Hotel Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$4.90		\$806.95
2/25/2025	TID & MED Tax	Auto Posted Rate: MBR GST		605	\$1.22		\$808.17
2/26/2025	MasterCard	MC7389		605		\$808.17	\$0.00

Metropolitan Club San Francisco

640 Sutter Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

Phone: (415) 872-7200
Fax:
E-mail: frontdesk@metropolitanclubsf.org
Website: www.metropolitanclubsf.org



Date	Department	Reference	Voucher	Room	Charge	Credit	Balance
							\$0.00

Additional Estimated Charges (Room, Tax, Other) through 2/25/2025 \$0.00

Credit Card Payment

Payment Type:	Credit Card	Amount Paid:	\$808.17
Account:	MC7389	Approval Code:	_02354Q_
Account Holder:		Approval Amount:	(\$808.17)

I agree that my liability for all charges is not waived.

Guest Signature

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07:08 AM

02/24/2025

Loris Diner Sutter
500 Sutter St
San Francisco, CA 94102

Server: Gina Br.

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Guests: 1

Description	Amount
EGGS BENEDICT	\$ 22.75*
Cup of Fruit	
COFFEE	\$ 4.00*

Total \$ 26.75

*(5%) Employee Health Care SF \$ 1.34
*(8.63 %) Sales Tax \$ 2.42

Grand Total \$ 30.51

Suggested Tip

18%	20%	25%
\$ 5.06	\$ 5.62	\$ 7.02

We thank you for your patronage.
TIP is not included

Gina Br.

07:28 AM 02/24/25

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02/24/2025

Loris Diner Sutter
500 Sutter St
San Francisco, CA 94102

M/C 7389
02430Q Swipe85
Gina Br.

Subtotal	\$ 26.75
*(5%) Employee Health Care S	
F	\$ 1.34
*(8.63 %) Sales tax	\$ 2.42
Check Total	\$ 30.51

ADD Tip

<input type="checkbox"/> 18%	(\$5.06, Total \$35.57)
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 20%	(\$5.62, Total <u>\$36.13</u>)
<input type="checkbox"/> 25%	(\$7.02, Total \$37.53)

CUSTOM

TOTAL

Credit Card Input Method SWIPE



RANDALL NEWSOME

Gina Br.

07:29 AM 02/24/25

BETTY LOU'S SEAFOOD & GR

318 COLUMBUS AVE
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133
4157570569

Cashier: HECTOR CHAPARRO

Transaction 011696

Total \$72.78

CREDIT CARD AUTH \$72.78
MASTERCARD 7389

Tip 14.00

Total 86.78

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Auth ID: 02315Q

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AID: A0000000041010

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Payment MG7JMTCHGADN4

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Betty Lou's Seafood & Grill
318 Columbus Ave
San Francisco, CA 94133

Opened: 02/23/2025 7:18 pm

Order: 17763

Order Type: Dine In

Name: Table 3

Server: Mihai

Check: 1

1 House Salad 12.00
1 lobster tails (custom) 55.00

Subtotal 67.00
Sales Tax 5.78

Total 72.78

Suggested Tip Amounts

Percent	Tip	Total
18%	12.06	84.84
20%	13.40	86.18
25%	16.75	89.53

Customer copy

Thank you!

dinner sala
MANA LOU
TOMMASOS

1042 KEARNY ST
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94133
4153989696

Cashier: MAUREEN DONEGAN

Transaction 000010

Total \$38.01

CREDIT CARD AUTH \$38.01
MASTERCARD 7389

Tip 7.00

Total 45.01

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RANDALL NEWSOME

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AthNtwkNm: MASTERCARD

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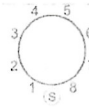
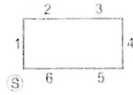
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105GC49321

TAKE ORDER
LEFT TO RIGHT
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Date	Table C7	Guests	Server	231649
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APPT - SOUP/SAL - ENTREE - VEG/POT - DESSERT - BEV

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Thank You!

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Food

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Tax

Total

77.60
231649

Date	Amount	Guests	
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PINECREST DINER

401 GEARY ST

SAN FRANCISCO, CA 941021222

4158856407

[HTTPS://PINECRESTSFCOM/](https://pinecrestsf.com/)

Cashier: Morena

Transaction 000002

Total \$37.65

Tip \$7.53

CREDIT CARD SALE \$45.18

MASTERCARD 7389

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\$45.18 | Method: EMV

Mastercard XXXXXXXXXXXX7389

RANDALL NEWSOME

Reference ID: 505700575867

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Payment 113Z0NF6J89M8

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Le Central
453 Bush Street
San Francisco, CA 94108

Server: Alfonso P
Check #20 Table s7
Guest Count: 1
Ordered: 2/24/25 7:14 PM

1 French Onion Soup \$17.00
1 Cassoulet \$46.00
SF Employer Mandates Surcharge (4.00%) \$2.52

Subtotal \$65.52
Tax \$5.65
Total \$71.17

Credit Card Contactless
Mastercard xxxxxxxx7389
Time 7:58 PM

Transaction Type Sale
Authorization Approved
Approval Code 02411Q
Payment ID hsRxKhgdNTHM
Application ID A0000000041010
Application Label Mastercard
Card Reader BBPOS

Amount \$71.17
+ Tip: 14.00
Total: 85.17

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Mary's Pizza Shack
505 Davis Street
Vacaville, CA 95688
(707)446-7100

Server: ARIANA S
Check #42 Table 11
Guest Count: 1
Ordered: 2/23/25 1:15 PM

1 Diet Pepsi, Fountain \$3.50
1 Mary's Signature Salad, Large I-H \$14.95

Mary's Italian Dressing I-H
No Red Onions
1 Cup Homemade Soup of the Day I-H \$5.95

Minestrone

Subtotal \$24.40
Tax \$1.97
Total \$26.37

Credit -\$26.37
+ Tip: \$4.88
Amount Due \$0.00
31.25

Suggested Tip:

15%: (Tip \$3.66 Total \$30.03)

20%: (Tip \$4.88 Total \$31.25)

18%: (Tip \$4.59 Total \$30.76)

Tip percentages are based on the check price before taxes.

The way Mary did it, we still do!