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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 FOURTH 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 MAY 1, 2025 THROUGH
AUGUST 30, 2025**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

Date: December 3, 2025

Time: 10:30 a.m.

Place: United States Bankruptcy Court
1300 Clay Street
Courtroom 220
Oakland, CA 94612

Objection Deadline: November 5, 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:	May 1, 2025—August 31, 2025
Total compensation sought this period:	\$2,500.00
Total expenses sought this period:	\$0.00
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:	\$92,810.00
Total expenses approved by interim order to date:	\$2,426.00
Total allowed fees paid to date:	\$75,116.84
Total allowed expenses paid to date:	\$2,426.00
Blended rate in this application for all attorneys:	\$1,000.00
Blended rate in this application for all timekeepers:	\$1,000.00
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:	\$2,250
Interim or Final:	Interim

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1 **SUMMARY OF MONTHLY FEE STATEMENTS FOR THE INTERIM FEE PERIOD**

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3 **None.**

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5 Summary of Any Objections to Monthly Fee Statements: **None.**

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7 Compensation and Expenses Sought in this Interim Application and Not Yet Paid: **\$2,500.00**

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I. 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 fourth interim application for allowance of compensation (the “Interim Application”) for services performed for the Debtor for the period of May 1, 2025 through August 31, 2025 (the “Interim Fee Period”) in the above-captioned Chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Bankruptcy Case”).

The Firm seeks interim approval of its fees and expenses incurred during the Interim Fee Period totaling **\$2,500.00**. This sum represents compensation in the amount of **\$2,500.00** for the total of **2.5** hours spent by the Firm for mediation services provided to the Debtor and **\$0.00** in out-of-pocket expenses. The Firm has received a total of **\$0.00** in payments for services during the Interim Fee Period, and therefore now requests **\$2,500.00** be paid to the Firm. In addition, the Firm requests that the Court allow payment of the holdback from its Third Interim Fee Application, which has not been paid in accordance with the *Court’s Agreed Order Amending Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals* [Dkt. No. 2101] (the “Amended Interim Comp Order”).

This Interim Application is based upon the contents hereof. Attached hereto as **Exhibit A** are time records detailing the amount of fees charged and hours worked by the Firm during the Interim Fee Period. The Firm did not incur any out-of-pocket expenses in the Interim Fee Period. 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.

II. BACKGROUND

A. 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.

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

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

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

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

15 **C. Summary of Mediation Services**

16 During the relevant period of this application, the Firm, in cooperation with Co-Mediator
17 Gallagher, endeavored to obtain financial contributions from the insurers towards reaching a global
18 settlement in this case. As of the date of this application, efforts to reach settlements with the Debtor’s
19 insurers are ongoing. No time has been charged for travel or preparation of this application.

20 **III. COMPLIANCE WITH GUIDELINES**

21 **A. Hourly Rates**

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

24 **B. Client Review of Billing Statements**

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

3 **C. Notice of Application and Hearing**

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

11 **D. No Agreements to Share Compensation**

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

14 **IV. CONCLUSION**

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

18 WHEREFORE, the Firm respectfully requests that the Court make an award interim to the Firm
19 in the amount of **\$2,500.00** inclusive of all fees and costs for the period from May 1, 2025 through August
20 31, 2025, and that it allow the payment of any holdback amounts owed for the Third Interim Fee
21 Application under the Amended Interim Comp Order.

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23 DATED: October 15, 2025

**RANDALL NEWSOME ADR AND
CONSULTING LLC**

/s/ Randall J. Newsome

Randall J. Newsome

Court-appointed mediator

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APPENDIX A
TIME RECORDS

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	AMOUNT
5/1	Zoom conference with counsel for insurers and debtors	.8	\$800
5/23	Tc with E. Ridley (.2); Email to T. Gallagher (.1); Tc with E. Ridley and T. Gallagher (.2)	.5	500
5/30	Tc with M. Plevin (.2); tc with T. Jacobs (.1); tc with T. Gallagher (.2)	.5	500
7/22	Tc with B. Curet, T. Jacobs and T. Gallagher	.2	200
7/26	Review email from T. Jacobs and respond	.2	200
7/28	Review order from the Diocese of Rochester case forwarded to me from T. Jacobs and respond	.3	300
TOTAL		2.5	\$2,500