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*Proposed Special Insurance Counsel for
the Debtor***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

**ORDER APPROVING DEBTOR'S
APPLICATION TO EMPLOY COVINGTON
& BURLING LLP AS SPECIAL
INSURANCE COUNSEL**

Judge: Hon. William J. Lafferty

**The following constitutes the order of the Court.
Signed: November 12, 2025**
**William J. Lafferty, III
U.S. Bankruptcy Judge**

1 Upon the application [Docket No. 2416] (the “Application”)¹ filed by The Roman Catholic Bishop
2 of Oakland, a California corporation sole, and the debtor and debtor in possession (the “Debtor” or
3 “RCBO”) in the above-captioned chapter 11 bankruptcy case (the “Chapter 11 Case” or the “Bankruptcy
4 Case”), pursuant to sections 327(a) and 1107 of the Bankruptcy Code and Bankruptcy Rules 2014 and
5 2016, for entry of an order authorizing the employment and retention of Covington & Burling LLP
6 (“Covington”) to represent the Debtor as special insurance counsel, on the terms described in the
7 Application and as more fully set forth therein; and due and proper notice of the Application having been
8 given; and the Court having found that it has jurisdiction over this matter under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and
9 1334, that this is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(a)-(b) and 1334(b), and that venue is proper
10 before this Court under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and the Court being satisfied, based on the
11 representations made in the Application and the Declaration of David B. Goodwin in support thereof, that
12 Covington does not hold or represent any interest adverse to the Debtor’s estate in the above-captioned
13 case and is disinterested under section 101(14) and meets the requirements for employment under section
14 327(a) of the Bankruptcy Code; and the Court finding that cause exists for the entry of this Order
15 authorizing the employment of Covington as special insurance counsel for the Debtor effective as of
16 October 7, 2025, including that such employment is in the best interests of the Debtor’s estate;

17 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

- 18 1. The Application is APPROVED as set forth in this Order.
- 19 2. The Debtor is authorized to retain and employ Covington as its special insurance counsel
20 effective as of October 7, 2025, under the terms set forth in the Application.
- 21 3. Covington’s compensation and reimbursement in respect to its fees and expenses incurred
22 representing the Debtor shall be subject to further order of the Court in accordance with the procedures
23 and standards set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, such Federal Rules of Bankruptcy
24 Procedure and local rules as may be applicable from time to time, and such procedures as may be fixed
25 by order of this Court, as well as the *United States Bankruptcy Court Northern District of California*
26 *Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals and Trustees*, effective
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28 ¹ Capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Application.

1 *February 19, 2014, and the U.S. Trustee Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and*
2 *Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases,*
3 *effective November 1, 2013.*

4 4. Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in this Order or the Application, the Court is not
5 approving terms and conditions of Covington's employment under 11 U.S.C. § 328(a).

6 5. In the event of any inconsistency between the Application and this Order, this Order shall
7 govern.

8 6. This Court shall retain jurisdiction with respect to all matters arising from or related to the
9 implementation, interpretation, or enforcement of this Order.

10 *** END OF ORDER ***

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