

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

	Chapter 11
In re:	Case No. 23-10219 (KBO)
STARRY GROUP HOLDINGS, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹	(Jointly Administered)
Debtors.	Obj. Deadline: 7/5/23 at 4:00 p.m. (ET) Hearing Date: 7/20/23 at 10:30 a.m. (ET) Related to Docket Nos. 496, 515

**SUMMARY OF FIRST INTERIM FEE APPLICATION OF
MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP, COUNSEL TO THE OFFICIAL
COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS, FOR ALLOWANCE OF
COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE
PERIOD FROM MARCH 6, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

Name of Applicant:	MCDERMOTT WILL & EMERY LLP
Authorized to provide professional services to:	Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Starry Group Holdings, Inc., <i>et al.</i>
Date of retention:	April 27, 2023, effective as of March 6, 2023
Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought:	March 6, 2023 through April 30, 2023
Amount of compensation sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$1,469,256.50
Amount of expense reimbursement sought as actual, reasonable and necessary:	\$4,535.17
Amount of compensation approved as actual, reasonable and necessary: ²	\$0.00

¹ The debtors in these cases, along with the last four digits of each debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Starry Group Holdings, Inc. (9355); Starry, Inc. (9616); Connect Everyone LLC (5896); Starry Installation Corp. (7000); Starry (MA), Inc. (2010); Starry Spectrum LLC (N/A); Testco LLC (5226); Starry Spectrum Holdings LLC (9444); Widmo Holdings LLC (9208); Vibrant Composites Inc. (8431); Starry Foreign Holdings Inc. (3025); and Starry PR Inc. (1214). The debtors’ address is 38 Chauncy Street, Suite 200, Boston, Massachusetts 02111.

² If no objections are received by June 20, 2023 to McDermott Will & Emery LLP’s first monthly fee application [Docket No. 496], \$743,852.80 in fees and \$3,463.51 in expenses will be approved. If no objections are received by July 3, 2023 to McDermott Will & Emery LLP’s second monthly fee application [Docket No. 515], \$431,552.40 in fees and \$1,071.66 in expenses will be approved.



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Amount of expense reimbursement approved as actual, reasonable, and necessary: **\$0.00**

Amount of holdback fees sought:³ **\$293,851.30**

This is an: x **Interim Application**

SUMMARY OF MONTHLY FEE APPLICATIONS FOR INTERIM FEE PERIOD

MONTHLY FEE APPLICATION			REQUESTED FEES AND EXPENSES		APPROVED FEES AND EXPENSES		HOLDBACK
Application Docket No. Date Filed	CNO Date Filed Docket No.	Period Covered	Requested Fees	Requested Expenses	Approved Fees (80%)	Approved Expenses (100%)	Fees Holdback (20%)
First Monthly D.I. 496 5/30/23	N/A	3/6/23 – 3/31/23	\$929,816.00	\$3,463.51	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>	\$185,963.20
Second Monthly D.I. 515 6/12/23	N/A	4/1/23 – 4/30/23	\$539,440.50	\$1,071.66	<i>Pending</i>	<i>Pending</i>	\$107,888.10
Total			\$1,469,256.50	\$4,535.17	-	-	\$293,851.30

³ Applicant seeks allowance of the 20% holdback for its first and second monthly fee applications [Docket Nos. 496, 515].

**OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR
STARRY GROUP HOLDINGS, INC., ET AL.
SUMMARY OF BILLING BY PROFESSIONAL
MARCH 6, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

Name of Professional Person	Date of Bar Admission	Position with the Applicant and Practice Area	Hourly Billing Rate⁴	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Andrew B. Kratenstein	2000	Partner; Trial	\$1,545	28.2	\$43,569.00
Kristin K. Going	2002	Partner; Corporate Advisory	\$1,395	149.0	\$207,855.00
David R. Hurst	1998	Partner; Corporate Advisory	\$1,395	78.9	\$110,065.50
Ari Edelman	2006	Partner; Corporate Advisory	\$1,335	2.0	\$2,670.00
Darren Azman	2011	Partner; Corporate Advisory	\$1,305	13.0	\$16,965.00
Stacy A. Lutkus	2003	Partner; Corporate Advisory	\$1,305	243.2	\$317,376.00
Jessica Greer Griffith	2014	Partner; Trial	\$1,170	74.1	\$86,697.00
Kristine Suh	1997	Counsel; Corporate Advisory	\$1,130	17.8	\$20,114.00
Samuel C. Ashworth	2017	Associate; White Collar & Securities	\$1,070	28.7	\$30,709.00
Daniel Thomson	2019	Associate; Corporate Advisory	\$1,035	93.9	\$97,186.50
Kaylynn Webb	2017	Associate; Trial	\$1,035	29.7	\$30,739.50

⁴ Except as set forth below, the rate represents the current standard hourly rate of each McDermott attorney and paralegal who rendered legal services at a ten percent discount.

Name of Professional Person	Date of Bar Admission	Position with the Applicant and Practice Area	Hourly Billing Rate⁴	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Natalie A. Rowles	2018	Associate; Corporate Advisory	\$995	218.8	\$217,706.00
David W. Giattino	2011	Associate; Corporate Advisory	\$955	72.8	\$69,524.00
Alexander T. Dickinson	2022	Associate; Trial	\$850	6.8	\$5,780.00
Landon Foody	2023	Associate; Corporate Advisory	\$750	219.3	\$164,475.00
Daniel Northrop	N/A	Paralegal; Corporate Advisory	\$605	74.8	\$45,254.00
Cathy Greer	N/A	Paralegal; Corporate Advisory	\$480	1.2	\$576.00
Jessica Hirshon	N/A	Paralegal; Corporate Advisory	\$460	4.0	\$1,840.00
John Hoffman	N/A	Research Manager; Research & Libraries	\$310	0.5	\$155.00
TOTALS				1,356.7	\$1,469,256.50

All Timekeepers Blended Hourly Rate: \$1,082.96
Attorney Blended Hourly Rate: \$1,113.80

**OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR
STARRY GROUP HOLDINGS, INC., *ET AL.*
COMPENSATION BY PROJECT CATEGORY
MARCH 6, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

Project Category	Total Hours	Total Fees
Case Administration	208.1	\$196,746.50
Asset Disposition	36.9	\$40,261.50
Meetings/Communications with Creditors	161.6	\$178,307.00
Court Hearings	32.6	\$38,615.00
Fee/Employment Applications	42.0	\$45,883.50
Assumption/Rejection of Leases	7.7	\$7,077.00
Non-Working Travel ⁵	1.5	\$2,092.50
Business Operations	4.8	\$5,584.00
Employee Benefits/Pensions	0.2	\$121.00
Financing/Cash Collateral	262.9	\$293,925.00
Tax Issues	0.3	\$181.50
Utilities	0.3	\$181.50
Vendor Matters	2.8	\$3,234.00
Insurance	0.1	\$60.50
Claims Administration & Objections	10.7	\$10,815.50
Plan and Disclosure Statement	340.9	\$365,073.00
Investigations	243.3	\$281,097.50
TOTALS	1,356.7	\$1,469,256.50

⁵ In accordance with Del. Bankr. L.R. 2016-2(d)(ix), non-working travel time is separately described in McDermott's monthly time detail, and is billed at 50% of regular hourly rates.

**OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED CREDITORS FOR
STARRY GROUP HOLDINGS, INC., *ET AL.*
EXPENSE SUMMARY
MARCH 6, 2023 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2023**

Expense Category	Service Provider (if applicable)	Total Expenses
Outside Copying/Binders	Reliable	\$875.37
Outside Service	Reliable	\$1,990.59
Transcripts	Reliable	\$128.40
Court Filing Fees		\$100.00
Other Court Fees	PACER	\$334.30
Transportation	Uber; Amtrak	\$690.71
Lodging	Hotel DuPont	\$415.80
TOTAL		\$4,535.17

Compensation Order”),² for allowance of compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred during the interim period from March 6, 2023 through April 30, 2023 (the “Interim Fee Period”), and respectfully represents as follows:

JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. The Court has jurisdiction to consider the Interim Fee Application pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334 and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* from the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b).

2. Venue of the Chapter 11 Cases and the Interim Fee Application in this District is proper under 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409.

3. The legal predicates for the relief requested herein are Bankruptcy Code sections 330 and 331, Bankruptcy Rule 2016, and Local Rule 2016-2. Pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1(f), McDermott consents to the entry of a final judgement or order with respect to the Interim Fee Application if it is determined that the Court would lack Article III jurisdiction to enter such final judgement or order absent the consent of the parties.

BACKGROUND

A. The Chapter 11 Cases

4. On February 20, 2023 (the “Petition Date”), the Debtors commenced the Chapter 11 Cases by filing petitions for relief under chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code. The Debtors continue to operate their business and manage their properties as debtors and debtors in possession pursuant to Bankruptcy Code sections 1107(a) and 1108. No trustee or examiner has been appointed in the Chapter 11 Cases.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Interim Compensation Order.

5. On March 3, 2023, the Office of the United States Trustee for the District of Delaware (the “U.S. Trustee”) appointed the Committee pursuant to Bankruptcy Code section 1102(a) [Docket No. 99].

6. Additional information regarding the Debtors and the Chapter 11 Cases, including information regarding the Debtors’ business operations, capital structure, financial condition, and the reasons for and objectives of the Chapter 11 Cases, is set forth in the *Declaration of Chaitanya Kanojia in Support of Chapter 11 Petitions and First Day Pleadings* [Docket No. 41] (the “First Day Declaration”).

B. The Retention of McDermott

7. On April 11, 2023, the Committee applied [Docket No. 313] to the Court for an order authorizing the Committee to retain and employ McDermott as its counsel, effective as of March 6, 2023. On April 27, 2023, the Court entered an order [Docket No. 368] authorizing such retention.

C. The Interim Compensation Order

8. On March 20, 2023, the Court entered the Interim Compensation Order, which sets forth the procedures for interim compensation and reimbursement of expenses in the Chapter 11 Cases.

RELIEF REQUESTED

9. By the Interim Fee Application, Applicant seeks interim approval and allowance of compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$1,469,256.50, and reimbursement of actual and necessary expenses incurred in the amount of \$4,535.17, during the Interim Fee Period, including any and all holdbacks. Pursuant to the Interim Compensation Order,

and as detailed in the chart below, McDermott filed two monthly applications that have not been heard by the Court for interim approval (together, the “Monthly Applications”):

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Total			\$1,469,256.50	\$4,535.17	-	-	\$293,851.30

10. In support of this request for the interim allowance of all fees and expenses incurred by Applicant during the Interim Fee Period, McDermott incorporates herein by reference each of its Monthly Applications.

NOTICE

11. As required under the Interim Compensation Order, notice of the Interim Fee Application will be served on the Fee Notice Parties (as defined in the Interim Compensation Order). Moreover, notice of the hearing on the Interim Fee Application will be served on all parties that have requested notice in the Chapter 11 Cases pursuant to Bankruptcy Rule 2002.

NO PRIOR REQUEST

12. No prior request for the relief sought in the Interim Fee Application has been made to this or any other court.

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WHEREFORE, McDermott respectfully requests that the Court enter an Order: (i) granting the Interim Fee Application and authorizing interim allowance of compensation for professional services rendered in the amount of \$1,469,256.50, and reimbursement for actual and necessary costs incurred in the amount of \$4,535.17, (ii) directing payment by the Debtors of the foregoing amounts, including the 20% holdback of fees, as provided for in the Interim Compensation Order, and (iii) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Dated: June 14, 2023
Wilmington, Delaware

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT A HEARING ON THE INTERIM FEE APPLICATION HAS BEEN SCHEDULED FOR **JULY 20, 2023 AT 10:30 A.M. (EASTERN TIME)** BEFORE THE HONORABLE KAREN B. OWENS, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE, 824 NORTH MARKET STREET, 6TH FLOOR, COURTROOM NO. 3, WILMINGTON, DELAWARE 19801.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE THAT IF NO OBJECTIONS TO THE INTERIM FEE APPLICATION ARE TIMELY FILED AND RECEIVED IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE OR IF YOU FAIL TO RESPOND IN ACCORDANCE WITH THIS NOTICE, THE COURT MAY GRANT THE RELIEF REQUESTED BY THE INTERIM FEE APPLICATION WITHOUT FURTHER NOTICE OR HEARING.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that a copy of the Interim Fee Application shall be provided upon request.

Dated: June 14, 2023
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EXHIBIT A
Going Certification

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

In re:)	
)	Chapter 11
STARRY GROUP HOLDINGS, INC., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 23-10219 (KBO)
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
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CERTIFICATION OF KRISTIN K. GOING

I, Kristin K. Going, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, hereby declare that the following is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief:

1. I am a partner of the firm of McDermott Will & Emery LLP (“McDermott” or the “Firm”)² which maintains offices for the practice of law at, among other locations, One Vanderbilt Avenue, New York, New York, 10017-3852. I have been duly admitted to practice in the States of New York and Maryland; the District of Columbia; the United States District Courts for the Southern and Eastern Districts of New York, the Northern and Southern Districts of Ohio, the District of Columbia, and the District of Maryland; the United States Court of Appeals for the Second Circuit; and the Supreme Court of the United States.

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2. I have personally performed many of the legal services rendered by McDermott as counsel to the Committee and am familiar with the other work performed on behalf of the Committee by the attorneys and other persons in the Firm.

3. I have reviewed the Interim Fee Application, and the facts set forth therein are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief. Moreover, I have reviewed the requirements of Rule 2016-2 of the Local Rules of Bankruptcy Practice and Procedure of the United States Bankruptcy Court for the District of Delaware and submit that the Interim Fee Application substantially complies with that Local Rule. To the extent that the Interim Fee Application does not comply in all respects with the requirements of Local Rule 2016-2, I believe that such deviations are not material and respectfully request that any such requirement be waived.

4. In addition, I certify that McDermott has made reasonable efforts to comply with the *Appendix B Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed Under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases*, effective as of November 1, 2013 (the "U.S. Trustee Guidelines"). With respect to section C.5 of the U.S. Trustee Guidelines, I certify the following with respect to the Interim Fee Period:

Question: Did you agree to any variations from, or alternatives to, your standard or customary billing rates, fees or terms for services pertaining to this engagement that were provided during the application period? If so, please explain.

Response: Yes. McDermott provided a 10% discount on its standard hourly rates for the legal services it rendered to the Committee in the Chapter 11 Cases during the Interim Fee Period.

Question: If the fees sought in this fee application as compared to the fees budgeted for the time period covered by this fee application are higher by 10% or more, did you discuss the reasons for the variation with the client?

Response: The fees sought in the Interim Fee Application did not exceed the fees budgeted for the time period covered by the application by 10% or more.

Question: Have any of the professionals included in this fee application varied their hourly rate based on the geographic location of the bankruptcy case?

Response: No.

Question: Does the fee application include time or fees related to reviewing or revising time records or preparing, reviewing, or revising invoices? (This is limited to work involved in preparing and editing billing records that would not be compensable outside of bankruptcy and does not include reasonable fees for preparing a fee application.) If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

Question: Does this fee application include time or fees for reviewing time records to redact any privileged or other confidential information? If so, please quantify by hours and fees.

Response: No.

Question: If the fee application includes any rate increases since retention:

i. Did your client review and approve those rate increases in advance?

ii. Did your client agree when retaining the law firm to accept all future rate increases? If not, did you inform your client that they need not agree to modified rates or terms in order to have you continue the representation, consistent with ABA Formal Ethics Opinion 11-458?

Response: The Interim Fee Application does not include any rate increases since McDermott's retention.

5. McDermott's staffing plan is attached as **Exhibit 1** hereto. A schedule setting forth a description of the task codes utilized in the Chapter 11 Cases, the number of budgeted and billed hours expended by McDermott professionals by task code, and the budgeted and billed aggregate fees associated with each task code is attached as **Exhibit 2** hereto. Additionally, a

summary of blended hourly rates for McDermott timekeepers who billed to (a) non-bankruptcy matters and (b) the Chapter 11 Cases is attached as **Exhibit 3** hereto.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.

Dated: New York, New York
June 14, 2023

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EXHIBIT 1**Staffing Plan**

Average hourly rates are based on the individual hourly rate of all timekeepers and are provided by position and overall.

Position	Estimated Number of Timekeepers	Average Hourly Rate (\$)
Partners/Counsel	8	\$1,322.50
Associates	7	\$955.71
Paralegals	3	\$515.00
Research Managers	1	\$310.00
Total	19	\$1,006.58

EXHIBIT 2**Budget & Compensation Summary by Matter
March 6, 2023 through April 30, 2023**

#	Matter	Hours			Compensation (\$)		
		Budgeted		Billed	Budgeted		Billed
		Low	High		Low	High	
B110	Case Administration	100	200	208.1	\$110,000	\$220,000	\$196,746.50
B130	Asset Disposition	20	40	36.9	\$22,000	\$44,000	\$40,261.50
B150	Meetings/Communication with Creditors	100	200	161.6	\$110,000	\$220,000	\$178,307.00
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B210	Business Operations	10	20	4.8	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$5,584.00
B220	Employee Benefits/Pensions	10	20	0.2	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$121.00
B230	Financing/Cash Collateral	200	400	262.9	\$220,000	\$440,000	\$293,925.00
B240	Tax Issues	10	20	0.3	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$181.50
B270	Utilities	10	20	0.3	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$181.50
B280	Vendor Matters	10	20	2.8	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$3,234.00
B290	Insurance	10	20	0.1	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$60.50
B310	Claims Administration & Objections	10	20	10.7	\$11,000	\$22,000	\$10,815.50
B320	Plan and Disclosure Statement	200	400	340.9	\$220,000	\$440,000	\$365,073.00
N/A	Investigations	200	400	243.3	\$220,000	\$440,000	\$281,097.50
Total		950	1,900	1,357.7	\$1,045,000	\$2,090,000	\$1,469,256.50

EXHIBIT 3**Rate Disclosure**

The blended hourly rate for all U.S.-based McDermott timekeepers (including both professionals and paraprofessionals), excluding time billed on bankruptcy and pro bono engagements and by timekeepers practicing primarily in McDermott’s Business Restructuring Practice Group, during period beginning on March 6, 2023 to April 30, 2023 (the “Interim Fee Period”), was in the aggregate, approximately \$927 per hour (the “Non- Bankruptcy Blended Hourly Rate”).¹

The blended hourly rate for all McDermott timekeepers who billed time to McDermott’s representation of the Committee during the Interim Fee Period was approximately \$1,083 per hour (the “Committee Blended Hourly Rate”). The following is a comparison of these rates:

Position	Committee Blended Hourly Rate	Non-Bankruptcy Blended Hourly Rate
Partners/Counsel	\$1,328	\$1,240
Associates	\$920	\$835
Paralegals	\$596	\$354
Library Researchers	\$310	\$405
All Positions	\$1,083	\$927

¹ McDermott calculated the Non-Bankruptcy Blended Hourly Rate by dividing the total dollar amount billed during the Interim Fee Period by U.S.-based McDermott timekeepers, excluding time billed on bankruptcy and pro bono engagements and by timekeepers practicing primarily in McDermott’s Business Restructuring Practice Group, by the total number of corresponding hours billed by U.S.-based McDermott timekeepers during the Interim Fee Period.