TENTATIVE RULING

ISSUED BY JUDGE J. BARRETT MARUM

Case Name:	CASHCALL, INC.
Case Number:	26-03102-JBM11
Hearing:	November 12, 2026, at 8:30 a.m.
Motion:	AMENDED APPLICATION FOR ENTRY OF AN ORDER (I) AUTHORIZING RETENTION AND EMPLOYMENT OF ALLEN MATKINS LECK GAMBLE MALLORY & NATSIS LLP AS SPECIAL CONFLICTS COUNSEL TO THE DEBTOR; AND (II) GRANTING RELATED RELIEF

The Court has reviewed the Application for Entry of an Order (I) Authorizing and Approving the Appointment of Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP as Special Conflicts Counsel to the Debtor; and (II) Granting Related Relief (ECF No. 204), the Declaration of Edward G. Fates in support thereof (ECF No. 205), the Notice of Errata (ECF No. 206), and the United States Trustee's Statement of Position (ECF No. 216), providing for a reservation of rights, as well as Creditor Eduardo De La Torre's objection (ECF No. 173) to the Allen Matkins' prior application to employ and Allen Matkins' reply (ECF No. 193) to Mr. De La Torre's objection to the prior application to employ.

Allen Matkins' application to employ is based on the need for conflicts counsel in this case, and thus is predicated on the Court's ruling on whether to approve the employment application of Manatt, Phelps, & Phillps LLP. The Court will hear further arguments on Manatt's application at the November 12, 2026 hearing and thus will hold its ruling on Allen Matkins' employment application until it rules on Manatt's employment application.

In doing so, the Court notes that it finds Mr. De La Torre's arguments unpersuasive in his objection to Allen Matkins' employment application. Mr. De La Torre's arguments are not congruent with the provisions of the Bankruptcy Code. Nor will the Court entertain a request to remove the debtor-in-possession on an objection to an employment application.

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