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IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Department of Securities, ex rel. Irving L. Faught, Administrator,	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
vs.	)	Case No. CJ-99-2500-66
Accelerated Benefits Corporation, a Florida Corporation, *et al.*,	)	
Defendants.	)	

NOTICE OF HEARING

Please be advised that a hearing on the (1) Interim Application for Order Approving Conservator's Fees and Expenses for the Period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, and (2) Interim Application for Order Approving Attorney's Fees for the Period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014, has been set for the 20 day of JUNE, 2014 at 9:00 A.m., before the Honorable Judge Thomas Prince.

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CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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INTERIM APPLICATION FOR ORDER APPROVING CONSERVATOR'S FEES AND EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014

Conservator, Tom Moran, hereby respectfully applies to this Court for entry of an Order approving the interim application for Conservator's fees and expenses for the period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. In support thereof, Conservator would show the Court as follows:

1. On February 6, 2002, the Court appointed Tom Moran as Conservator of certain assets of Defendant, Accelerated Benefits Corporation ("ABC"), and its agents, including American Title Company of Orlando and David Piercefield ("Conservatorship Assets"), including:

> a. All life insurance policies owned or held beneficially, directly or indirectly, by or for the benefit of ABC and/or ABC Investors, that were purchased prior to October 1, 2000 "the "Policies");
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> b. All assets of ABC necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Conservatorship, …;
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> c. All premium reserve accounts and bank accounts into which ABC Investor funds or proceeds from the Policies have been deposited; and,

d. The right to recoup from the proceeds of the Policies all funds advanced by ABC to finance the payment of premiums on the Policies.

2. The Conservator was given the direction and authority to accomplish the following:

a. To take custody, possession and control of the Conservatorship Assets as they are transferred to the Conservator;

b. To manage all Conservatorship Assets pending further action by the Court including, but not limited to, the evaluation of the Policies, and to take necessary steps to protect the ABC Investors' interests including, but not limited to, the liquidation or sale of the Policies to institutional buyers and the assessment to ABC Investors of the future premium payments;

c. Receive and collect any and all sums of money due or owing on the Policies to ABC or its agents;

d. Seek the return of any cash, bond or guarantee on deposit with any regulatory agency or other entity on behalf of ABC or its agents;

e. Make such payments and disbursements as may be necessary and advisable for the preservation of the Conservatorship Assets and as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his duties as Conservator including, but not limited to, the timely payment of all premiums for Policies that have not yet matured;

f. Monitor the viators of the Policies by tracking the location of the viators and periodically checking the health of the viators;

g. Receive notice of the death of viators, file death claims on the viators, and collect the proceeds paid on the Policies as such mature;

h. Disburse to each ABC Investor his proportionate share of the proceeds, after deducting premiums advanced, paid in matured Policies;

i. Establish open communication with ABC Investors with proper disclosure of available options and consequences including, but not limited to, notice to ABC Investors of the Conservatorship Order within 30 days;

j. Retain and employ attorneys, accountants, computer consultants and other persons as may be advisable or necessary to the exercise of the duties of the Conservator, and compensate such persons, subject to application and approval by the Court;

k. Open and inspect any and all mail and/or deliveries related to the existence, location, identity and/or collection, preservation, maintenance or operation of Conservatorship Assets, and to notify any insurance company or third party administrator and the United States Postal Service to effect the forward delivery of any mail related to the Conservatorship Assets to a mail depository under the control of the Conservator;

l. Institute, prosecute, defend, intervene in or become a party to such actions or proceedings in any state court, federal court or United States Bankruptcy Court as may in the Conservator's opinion be necessary or proper for the protection, maintenance and preservation of Conservatorship Assets, or the carrying out of the Conservatorship Order; and,

m. Exercise those powers necessary to implement the Conservator's conclusions with regard to the disposition of the Conservatorship pursuant to the orders and directives of the Court.

3. On February 21, 2002, the Court granted Conservator's application to approve the hourly rates of Conservator and his employees.

4. Conservator seeks interim compensation at the hourly rates approved by the Court for work performed, plus reimbursement of Conservator's actual and necessary expenses, for the period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014.

5. The amount of compensation to be allowed rests within the sound discretion of the court. *Hudson v. Hubbell*, 1935 OK 138, 41 P.2d 844, (*see, also, Brann v. Harris*, 1935 OK 298, 47 P.2d 876).

6. Conservator and his employees have devoted substantial time and effort in the execution of Conservator's duties and seek compensation as detailed in the statements attached

hereto as Exhibits "A," "B," "C" and "D."[1]

7. Conservator and his employees have expended the time set forth in this application in the execution of Conservator's duties to the preclusion of other employment, and the charges set forth therein were reasonable and necessary.

8. This Application covers allowance of compensation for services performed from January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. During the period covered by this Application, Conservator and his employees expended a total of 236.10 hours at hourly rates ranging from $25.00 to $110.00 per hour for a total fee of $18,751.00. Exhibits "A," "B," "C" and "D" detail the hours spent rendering the services, the descriptions of the services rendered, and the expenses incurred.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Conservator, Tom Moran, respectfully requests this Court approve payment of interim compensation to Conservator in the amount of $6,242.25 for the month of January, 2014, $5,126.00 for the month of February, 2014, $3,824.00 for the month of March, 2014, and $3,558.75 for the month of April, 2014.

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[1] In submitting these detailed statements, the Conservator does not waive, limit, or otherwise modify any rights that he may have with respect to the attorney-client privilege, that attorney work product doctrine, or any other applicable privilege. Complete "non-redacted" versions of the attached exhibits will be provided to the Court only, under separate cover.

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INTERIM APPLICATION FOR ORDER APPROVING ATTORNEY'S FEES FOR THE PERIOD OF JANUARY 1, 2014 THROUGH APRIL 30, 2014

Conservator, Tom Moran, hereby respectfully applies to this Court for entry of an Order approving the interim application for attorney's fees of Phillips Murrah P.C. ("Phillips Murrah"), counsel for Conservator for the period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. In support of his application, Conservator would show the Court as follows:

1. On February 6, 2002, the Court appointed Tom Moran as Conservator of certain assets of Defendant, Accelerated Benefits Corporation ("ABC"), and its agents, including American Title Company of Orlando and David Piercefield ("Conservatorship Assets"), including:

a. All life insurance policies owned or held beneficially, directly or indirectly, by or for the benefit of ABC and/or ABC Investors, that were purchased prior to October 1, 2000 (the "Policies");

b. All assets of ABC necessary to accomplish the objectives of the Conservatorship, including, but not limited to, computer hardware, databases, software, ABC Investor and viator files relating to the Policies, accounting and financial records pertaining to premium payments and receipt and distribution of proceeds on the Policies, any deposit of cash, bond or guarantee, filing cabinets, office supplies, the

lease to office space at 105 East Robinson Street, Suite 320, Orlando, Florida, and telephone systems;

c. All premium reserve accounts and bank accounts into which ABC Investor funds or proceeds from the Policies have been deposited; and,

d. The right to recoup from the proceeds of the Policies all funds advanced by ABC to finance the payment of premiums on the Policies.

2. The Conservator was given the direction and authority to accomplish the following:

a. To take custody, possession and control of the Conservatorship Assets as they are transferred to the Conservator;

b. To manage all Conservatorship Assets pending further action by the Court including, but not limited to, the evaluation of the Policies, and to take necessary steps to protect the ABC Investors' interests including, but not limited to, the liquidation or sale of the Policies to institutional buyers and the assessment to ABC Investors of the future premium payments;

c. Receive and collect any and all sums of money due or owing on the Policies to ABC or its agents;

d. Seek the return of any cash, bond or guarantee on deposit with any regulatory agency or other entity on behalf of ABC or its agents;

e. Make such payments and disbursements as may be necessary and advisable for the preservation of the Conservatorship Assets and as may be necessary and advisable in discharging his duties as Conservator including, but not limited to, the timely payment of all premiums for Policies that have not yet matured;

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k. Open and inspect any and all mail and/or deliveries related to the existence, location, identity and/or collection, preservation, maintenance or operation of Conservatorship Assets, and to notify any insurance company or third party administrator and the United States Postal Service to effect the forward delivery of any mail related to the Conservatorship Assets to a mail depository under the control of the Conservator;

l. Institute, prosecute, defend, intervene in or become a party to such actions or proceedings in any state court, federal court or United States Bankruptcy Court as may in the Conservator's opinion be necessary or proper for the protection, maintenance and preservation of Conservatorship Assets, or the carrying out of the Conservatorship Order; and,

m. Exercise those powers necessary to implement the Conservator's conclusions with regard to the disposition of the Conservatorship pursuant to the orders and directives of the Court.

3. On February 21, 2002, the Court granted Conservator's application to employ Phillips Murrah as counsel and approved its hourly rates.

4. Since its employment as counsel, Phillips Murrah has performed certain tasks, which include:

a. Representation of Conservator's interests in matters and proceedings arising in, or relating to, this case;

b. Advising Conservator concerning the administration of the Conservatorship and Conservator's rights and duties, and the claims of investors and other parties in interest;

c. Investigation of possible causes of action belonging to the Conservatorship; and,

d. Assisting with such other matters as the Conservator has requested from time to time.

5. The Conservator has also requested during this reporting period that Phillips Murrah pursue defenses on behalf of the Conservator before the United States Tax Court. *See* Conservator's Report filed contemporaneously herewith.

6. Conservator seeks to compensate Phillips Murrah at its regular hourly rates, plus Phillips Murrah's actual and necessary expenses for work performed for the period of January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014.

7. Conservator did not pay Phillips Murrah a retainer. While Phillips Murrah would normally have requested a retainer, Phillips Murrah agreed to accept employment on the basis that it would be provided interim compensation.

8. The standards for evaluating this application are set forth in *State, ex rel. Burk v. City of Oklahoma City*, 1979 OK 115, 598 P.2d 659; and *Oliver's Sports Center, Inc. v. National Standard Ins. Co.,* 1980 OK 120, 615 P.2d 291. Those standards include the following:

a. **Time and Labor Required.** Phillips Murrah has devoted substantial time and effort in its representation of Conservator and seeks compensation for services which are detailed in the statements attached hereto as Exhibit "A", "B", "C" and "D."[1]

[1] In submitting these detailed statements, the Receiver and his counsel do not waive, limit, or otherwise modify any rights that they may have with respect to the attorney-client privilege, that attorney work product doctrine, or any other applicable privilege. Complete "non-redacted" versions of the attached exhibits will be provided to the Court only, under separate cover.

b. **Novelty and Difficulty of Questions Involved.** Phillips Murrah has provided representation of the Conservator on numerous issues and tasks relating to the preservation of assets, pending litigation, potential litigation and applications to the Court for approval of Conservator's actions.

c. **Skill Requisite to Perform Services Properly.** The Court previously approved the retention of Phillips Murrah as general counsel because of the firm's experience and qualifications to render the services required by the Conservator.

d. **Preclusion of Other Employment.** Phillips Murrah has expended the time set forth in this application in representation of Conservator to the preclusion of other employment.

e. **Fees Customarily Charged.** Phillips Murrah has billed for its time on an hourly basis which is well within the professional rates customarily charged in this jurisdiction and which were previously approved by the Court on February 21, 2002.

f. **Whether the Fee is Fixed or Contingent.** The fees charged by Phillips Murrah are well within the professional rates customarily charged in this jurisdiction. The attorney's fees are neither fixed nor contingent, but are based upon the reasonableness of such fees in relation to the work performed as a result of the representation.

g. **Experience, Reputation and Ability of the Applicant.** The Court previously approved the retention of Phillips Murrah as general counsel because of the firm's experience and qualifications to render the services required by the Conservator.

9. All professional services for which allowance of compensation is requested were performed by Phillips Murrah for and on behalf of the Conservator.

10. This Application covers allowance of compensation for services performed from January 1, 2014 through April 30, 2014. During the period covered by this Application, Phillips Murrah expended a total of 82.30 hours of attorney time for services rendered on behalf of Conservator at hourly rates ranging from $215.00 to $225.00 per hour, and 21.2 hours of paralegal time at the billing rate of $90.00 per hour. In total, Phillips Murrah billed the Receiver $20,201.50 in fees and $250.24 in expenses and advances. Exhibits "A," "B," "C" and "D"

detail the dates services were rendered, hours spent rendering the services and descriptions of the services rendered.

WHEREFORE, premises considered, Conservator, Tom Moran, respectfully requests this Court approve the payment of interim compensation to Phillips Murrah for fees and expenses in the amount of $3,516.52 for the month of January, 2014, $6,628.72 for the month of February, 2014, $2,814.00 for the month of March, 2014, and $7,492.50 for the month of April, 2014.

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