

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA**

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In re:

Case No.  
Chapter 11

\_\_\_\_\_ Debtor \_\_\_\_\_ /

**DEBTOR IN POSSESSION'S APPLICATION  
FOR EMPLOYMENT OF ATTORNEY**

\_\_\_\_\_, debtor in possession respectfully requests an order of the court authorizing the employment of \_\_\_\_\_ of the law firm of \_\_\_\_\_ to represent the debtor in this case and states:

1. On \_\_\_\_\_, the debtor filed a voluntary petition under chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code.
2. The debtor desires to employ \_\_\_\_\_ as attorney(s) in this case.
3. The debtor believes that the attorney is qualified to practice in this court and is qualified to advise the debtor on its relations with, and responsibilities to, the creditors and other interested parties.
4. The professional services the attorney will render are summarized as follows:
  - (a) To give advice to the debtor with respect to its powers and duties as a debtor in possession and the continued management of its business operations;
  - (b) To advise the debtor with respect to its responsibilities in complying with the U.S. Trustee's Operating Guidelines and Reporting Requirements and with the rules of the court;
  - (c) To prepare motions, pleadings, orders, applications, adversary proceedings, and other legal documents necessary in the administration of the case;

- (d) To protect the interest of the debtor in all matters pending before the court;
- (e) To represent the debtor in negotiation with its creditors in the preparation of a plan.

5. To the best of the debtor's knowledge, neither said attorney nor said law firm have any connection with the creditors or other parties in interest or their respective attorneys. Neither said attorney nor said law firm represent any interest adverse to the debtor.

6. Attached to this motion is the proposed attorney's affidavit demonstrating [name of attorney and law firm] are disinterested as required by 11 U.S.C. §327(a) and a verified statement as required under Bankruptcy Rule 2014.

The debtor respectfully requests an order authorizing retention of [name of attorney and law firm] on a general retainer, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§327 and 330.

I CERTIFY that a true copy of this application was mailed on \_\_\_\_\_ to the parties indicated below.

\_\_\_\_\_  
signature

\_\_\_\_\_  
print name and title

\_\_\_\_\_  
address

\_\_\_\_\_  
phone

Attach or file separately a Local Rule 2002-1(F) certificate of service reflecting manner and date of service on the following parties.

Debtor  
U.S. trustee  
Attorney for Creditor's Committee (or  
if none 20 largest unsecured creditors)  
All Appearances