



IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF OKLAHOMA COUNTY
STATE OF OKLAHOMA

Oklahoma Department of Securities)
ex rel. Melanie Hall, Administrator,)
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Plaintiff,)
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v.)
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Premier Global Corporation et al.,)
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Defendants.)

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Case No. CJ-2022-5066

Judge Don Andrews

**INTERIM ORDER AUTHORIZING PAYMENT RELATED TO DEAN
DEFENDANTS' 16th MONTHLY STATEMENT OF DEFENSE FEES**

NOW on this 2nd day of July 2024, the defendants Richard Dale Dean and DDI Advisory Group, LLC (the "Dean Defendants") 16th Monthly Statements of Defense Fees and Expenses (the "15th Monthly Statement") comes before the Court, and after appropriate notice, having considered the Receiver's Recommendations, and for good cause shown, the Court makes the following findings:

1. On March 14, 2023, the Court entered its *Order on Defendant Richard Dale Dean and DDI Advisory Group LLC's Emergency Motions for Partial Lifting of Asset Freeze to Permit Payment of Living Expenses and for Partial Lifting of Asset Free to Permit Payment of Legal Fees* (the "Unfreeze Order").
2. The Unfreeze Order established certain procedures as they related to the payment of certain legal defenses fees with respect to the Dean Defendants. The Unfreeze Order provides that the Receiver shall provide his recommendations and a proposed Order to the Court within ten (10) business days of receipt of billing statements by the Dean Defendants' counsel, Steptoe & Johnson LLP (the "Law Firm").

3. The Law Firm sent its billing statements and its local counsel's fee statements to the Receiver at the designated email address on June 20, 2024, and the deadline to provide the proposed Order and recommendation is July 5, 2024 (the "Deadline"). The Law Firm seeks \$15,626.00 in fees and \$74.94 in expenses for a total of \$15,700.94.
4. On July 1, 2024, the Receiver submitted his recommendations as to the 16th Monthly Statement recommending to this Court that such fees should be reduced by \$592.00.
5. The Court accepts the Receiver's recommendation, subject to the other conditions of the Unfreeze Order, there being sufficient funds in the Segregated Legal Fund,¹ and the reservations of rights maintained by the Receiver, and the payment of the Law Firm's legal fees are summarized as follows:

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| Total of 16th Monthly Statement Fees | \$15,626.00 |
| Total of 16th Monthly Statement Expenses | \$74.94 |
| Total 16th Monthly Statement | \$15,700.94 |
| <i>Less Proposed Reduction</i> | <i>(\$592.00)</i> |
| Adjusted 16th Monthly Statement Total | \$15,108.94 |
| Amount to be Paid from Segregated Defense Fund | \$15,108.94 |


6. As set forth in the Unfreeze Order this Order remains interlocutory and subject to revision and modification until such time as the Personal Fees are approved on a final basis.

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED as follows:

- a. The 16th Monthly Statement is hereby approved, on an interim basis, in the amount of \$15,108.94 (the "Interim Fees").
- b. The Receiver is authorized, subject to the other conditions of the Unfreeze Order, there being sufficient funds in the Segregated Legal Fund, and the reservations of rights maintained by the Receiver in his Recommendation, to pay the Interim Fees to the Law Firm in the amount of \$15,108.94 from the Segregated Legal Fund.

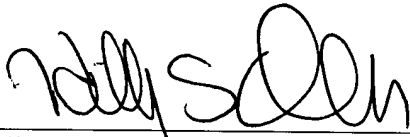
¹ The Receiver has informed the Court that the Segregated Legal Fund is fully depleted.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



JUDGE OF THE DISTRICT COURT

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