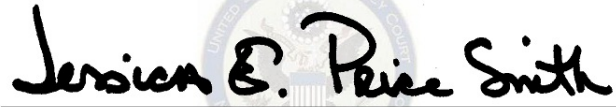


IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 25 November, 2019 11:56 AM



JESSICA E. PRICE SMITH  
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF OHIO  
EASTERN DIVISION

In re:	)	Case No. 10-50494
	)	
FAIR FINANCE COMPANY	)	Chapter 7
	)	
Debtor.	)	Judge Jessica E. Price Smith
	)	

**ORDER APPROVING NINTH FEE APPLICATION FOR INTERIM APPROVAL AND  
ALLOWANCE OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE  
PERIOD SEPTEMBER 1, 2018 THROUGH AND INCLUDING  
AUGUST 31, 2019, FILED BY BAKER & HOSTETLER LLP AS COUNSEL TO THE  
CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE, BRIAN A. BASH**

This matter came before the Court upon the *Ninth Fee Application for Interim Approval and Allowance of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for the Period September 1, 2018 through and including August 31, 2019, Filed by Baker & Hostetler LLP as Counsel to the Chapter 7 Trustee, Brian A. Bash*, filed on October 28, 2019 [the “**Application**” – Dkt. No. 2586],<sup>1</sup> pursuant to (a) 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, (b) Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016, (c) Rule 2016-1 of the Local Bankruptcy Rules, (d) this Court’s Guidelines for Compensation and Expense Reimbursement of Professionals;



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and (e) the Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 adopted by the Executive Office for United States Trustees.

The Application seeks allowance, on an interim basis, of the fees that Baker & Hostetler incurred during the Application Period in the amount of \$962,630.50, and actual, out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$20,990.51. The Court has considered the Application, and after due deliberation, this Court finds as follows:

A. Brian A. Bash is the duly appointed, qualified and acting Trustee in the within proceedings. Baker & Hostetler was authorized to serve as Counsel to the Trustee, effective as of February 23, 2010, pursuant to this Court's Order Authorizing Appointment of Attorneys for Trustee (the "**Retention Order**"), dated March 10, 2010 [Docket No. 53].

B. This Court has jurisdiction to consider this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2) and venue is proper in this district pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409. This Court has the authority to decide this Application pursuant to Sections 327, 328, 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and Rules 2014 and 2016 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure.

C. Adequate and proper notice of the Application was given and no other or further notice is necessary.

D. The relief requested in the Application is in the best interests of the Debtor, its estate, its creditors, and other parties in interest, to the extent granted herein. The Court finds that the services and expenses granted herein were reasonable and necessary and comply with the Bankruptcy Code and the United States Trustee's Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation.

Accordingly, **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:**

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<sup>1</sup> Capitalized terms not defined herein have the meanings given in the Application, which are incorporated by reference herein.

1. The Application is granted as set forth herein on an interim basis and subject to final review by this Court.

2. The fees that Baker & Hostetler incurred during the Application Period are hereby approved and allowed, on an interim basis, in the amount of **\$962,630.50**;

3. The expenses set forth in the Application are hereby approved and allowed for payment on an interim basis in the amount of **\$20,990.51**;

4. The Trustee is authorized and directed to pay, on an interim basis, Baker & Hostetler's fees in the amount of \$962,630.50 and out-of-pocket expenses in the amount of \$20,990.51 incurred during the Application Period totaling **\$983,621.01**; and

5. The Holdback Amount remains at \$7,996,240.61.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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