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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

In re  
VERITY HEALTH SYSTEM OF  
CALIFORNIA, INC., *et al.*,

Debtors

District Court Case Number:  
2:18-cv-10675-RGK

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Adversary Case Number:  
N/A

Official Committee of Unsecured  
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California, Inc.

Appellant

v.

Verity Health System of California,  
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Appellee

**NOTICE OF MOTION OF UMB BANK,  
N.A. AND WELLS FARGO BANK,  
NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS  
INDENTURE TRUSTEES, TO  
INTERVENE IN APPEAL**

Date: April 8, 2019

Time: 9:00 a.m.

Courtroom: 850

Judge: Honorable R. Gary Klausner



**TO ALL PARTIES AND THEIR ATTORNEYS OF RECORD:**

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that on April 8, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. or as soon thereafter as the matter can be heard by the above-entitled Court, before the Honorable R. Gary Klausner in Courtroom 850 of the United States District Court for the Central District of California, located at 255 E. Temple Street, Los Angeles, California 90012, UMB Bank, N.A. as master indenture trustee and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as indenture trustee (the “Trustees”) will move the Court for an order to allow the Trustees to intervene in this appeal (the “Motion”).<sup>1</sup>

The Motion is made pursuant to Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8013(g), and is based on this Notice of Motion and the Motion and Memorandum of Points and Authorities<sup>2</sup> filed concurrently herewith, the other papers and records on file in this appeal, and such further oral and documentary evidence as may come before the Court upon the hearing of this matter. The Motion is made following the conference of counsel pursuant to Local Rule 7-3, which took place more than seven days before the filing of the Motion. Neither the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, as appellant, nor debtors Verity Health Systems of California Inc., *et. al.*, as appellees, oppose intervention by the Trustees.

Local Rule 7-9 provides that (1) any party opposing the Motion shall, not later than twenty-one days before the hearing date, file with the Court either (a) the evidence upon which the opposing party will rely in opposition to the Motion and a

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<sup>1</sup> On March 4, 2019, the Trustees filed the Motion [Dkt. 14] (the “Original Motion to Intervene”) without scheduling a hearing thereon, in accordance with Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8013. *See* Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8013(c) (“A motion [to intervene in an appeal] will be decided without oral argument unless the district court or BAP orders otherwise.”); Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8013(a)(2)(D)(ii) (“Unless the court orders otherwise, a notice of motion or a proposed order [on a motion to intervene in an appeal] is not required.”). In light of the Court’s order striking the Original Motion to Intervene [Dkt. 15], the Trustees now refile the Motion as a noticed motion.

<sup>2</sup> Because Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 8013(a)(2)(D)(i) provides that “[a] separate brief supporting . . . a motion [to intervene in an appeal] must not be filed”, the Trustees have included their points and authorities in the Motion, rather than filing a separate memorandum of points and authorities as contemplated by Civil Local Rule 7-5(a).

1 brief but complete memorandum which shall contain a statement of all the reasons in  
 2 opposition thereto and the points and authorities upon which the opposing party will  
 3 rely, or (b) a written statement that the party will not oppose the Motion; and (2)  
 4 evidence presented in all opposing papers shall comply with the requirements of Civil  
 5 Local Rules 7-6, 7-7 and 7-8. Further, Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure  
 6 8013(a)(3) provides that “Unless the district court . . . orders otherwise, (A) any party  
 7 to the appeal may file a response to the motion [to intervene in the appeal] within 7  
 8 days after service of the motion.”

9 Dated: March 6, 2019

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1 UMB Bank, N.A. and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, solely in their  
 2 capacities as indenture trustees (the “Trustees”), hereby move to intervene (this  
 3 “Motion to Intervene”) in the instant appeal pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8013(g).  
 4 The parties to this appeal, the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors, as  
 5 appellant (the “Committee”), and Verity Health Systems of California Inc., *et. al.*, as  
 6 appellees (the “Debtors”), do not oppose the request by the Trustees to intervene. In  
 7 support hereof, the Trustees state as follows:

### 8 SUMMARY OF ARGUMENT

9 The Committee has appealed an order of the Bankruptcy Court by which the  
 10 Debtors were authorized to prime the prepetition liens of the Trustees and to use the  
 11 cash collateral pledged to the Trustees. As the Debtors’ largest secured parties  
 12 holding secured claims in excess of \$461 million, the Trustees were a full  
 13 participant in the objections, negotiations and hearings in the Bankruptcy Court with  
 14 respect to such order. Ultimately, the Trustees decided to agree to the entry of the  
 15 order for a number of reasons, including the condition that it contain certain terms  
 16 and provisions acceptable to the Trustees. Among the terms and provisions  
 17 requested by the Trustees were various customary waivers of potential rights of the  
 18 Debtors to challenge the Trustees’ secured claim during the course of the  
 19 bankruptcy case.

20 The Committee’s appeal is limited to asking the District Court to rule that the  
 21 Bankruptcy Court erred in approving the Debtors’ decision to agree to two such  
 22 waivers: (i) a waiver of certain theoretical rights under Section 506(c) of the  
 23 Bankruptcy Code (11 U.S.C. §101 *et. seq.*) by which the Debtors might be able to  
 24 surcharge the Trustees’ collateral for the amount of any preservation costs, and (ii) a  
 25 waiver of the Debtors’ potential rights under Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code  
 26 to challenge the enforceability of the Trustees’ liens on certain equitable grounds.<sup>1</sup>

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27 <sup>1</sup> The Trustees strongly deny that, as a substantive matter, the Debtors have any  
 28 grounds whatsoever to assert any such rights under either Section 506(c) or Section





1 hospitals with approximately 1,680 inpatient beds and a host of related facilities and  
2 assets such as receivables, equipment, inventory, intangibles and other collateral.

3 As is customary in virtually every bankruptcy case with significant pre-petition  
4 debt secured by the debtor's receivables, the Debtors filed a motion at the very  
5 beginning of these proceedings (i) to obtain additional, third-party financing in the  
6 amount of \$185 million secured by a lien that would prime the prepetition lien of  
7 the Trustees, and (ii) to use the "cash collateral" (as defined in Section 363 of the  
8 Bankruptcy Code) of the Trustees during the case, *i.e.*, the Debtors sought to use the  
9 post-petition proceeds of the Debtors' prepetition receivables. Sections 363 and 364  
10 of the Bankruptcy Code provide that, absent the consent of the secured party, a  
11 debtor is not entitled to grant a priming lien and is not entitled to use cash collateral  
12 unless the debtor provides "adequate protection" of the value of the secured party's  
13 secured claim. The bankruptcy term "adequate protection" is defined in Section 361  
14 of the Bankruptcy Code, and can take any number of different forms, which are  
15 almost always set forth in the terms and provisions of a so-called DIP financing and  
16 cash collateral order (a "cash collateral order"). Adequate protection provisions in  
17 cash collateral orders frequently include waivers of certain theoretical rights of the  
18 Debtors under the Bankruptcy Code to challenge the secured claims of the lenders  
19 during the bankruptcy case.

20 When the Debtors initially proposed their cash collateral order in this case, it  
21 did not contain all of the customary waivers that the Trustees desired and, in the  
22 opinion of the Trustees, that secured creditors typically see in such orders. The  
23 Trustees formally and informally objected and, after numerous meetings,  
24 consultations and negotiations with the Debtors and other interested parties, the  
25 filing of written objections, and the attendance and argument by the Trustees and  
26 their professionals at the Bankruptcy Court hearings thereon, the Debtors agreed to  
27 insert into the proposed cash collateral order a number of the waivers requested by  
28 the Trustees. Such waivers not only formed a part of the adequate protection of the



1 secured claim of the Trustees, but also induced the Trustees to withdraw their  
2 objections. Ultimately, the Bankruptcy Court ruled, among other things, that the  
3 terms and provisions of the proposed cash collateral order were an appropriate  
4 exercise of the business judgment of the Debtors and were proper under the  
5 Bankruptcy Code. Accordingly, on October 4, 2018, the Bankruptcy Court entered  
6 that certain “*Final Order (A) Authorizing the Debtors to Obtain Post Petition*  
7 *Financing (B) Authorizing the Debtors to Use Cash Collateral and (C) Granting*  
8 *Adequate Protection to Prepetition Secured Creditors Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§*  
9 *105, 363, 364, 1107 and 1108,*” [Docket No. 409 in the Bankruptcy Court  
10 proceedings] (the “Financing Order”).

11 Two of the adequate protection provisions requested by the Trustees, agreed to  
12 by the Debtors, and approved by the Bankruptcy Court in the Financing Order as  
13 adequate protection are (i) the agreement of the Debtors to waive any theoretical  
14 right to surcharge the collateral of the Trustees under Section 506(c) of the  
15 Bankruptcy Code for costs and expenses of preserving or disposing of such  
16 collateral during the case (the “506(c) Waiver”), and (ii) any theoretical right of the  
17 Debtors to claim, under Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy Code, that the otherwise  
18 valid and enforceable pre-petition lien of the Trustees which extends to post-petition  
19 proceeds of pre-petition collateral should be disallowed because of the “equities of  
20 the case” (the “552(b) Waiver” and, together with the 506(c) Waiver, the  
21 “Waivers”).

22 This appeal is brought by the Committee seeking to overrule the Bankruptcy  
23 Court’s approval of the Waivers contained in the Financing Order as part of the  
24 adequate protection of the Trustees’ prepetition liens. Only the Debtors are named  
25 as the appellees in this appeal. The Trustees bring this Motion to Intervene in order  
26 to protect the Waivers, which were part of the bargain by which the Trustees agreed  
27 to withdraw their objections to the Financing Order.  
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**II. Since the Outcome of this Appeal Will Primarily Affect the Trustees, the Trustees are Entitled to Intervene.**

In order to have standing to submit briefs, present oral argument, participate or object to any potential settlement, file further notices of appeal (if necessary), and otherwise participate in this appeal as the true party in interest in support of retaining the Waivers, the Trustees seek to intervene in this appeal pursuant to Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8013(g), which states:

(g) *Intervening in an Appeal.* Unless a statute provides otherwise, an entity that seeks to intervene in an appeal pending in the District Court or BAP must move for leave to intervene and serve a copy of the motion on the parties to the appeal. The motion or other notice of intervention authorized by statute must be filed within 30 days after the appeal is docketed. It must concisely state the movant's interest, the grounds for intervention, whether intervention was sought in the bankruptcy court, why intervention is being sought at this stage of the proceeding, and why participating as an amicus curiae would not be adequate.

The Trustees have timely filed this Motion to Intervene,<sup>2</sup> and have otherwise demonstrated and complied with each and every requirement under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8013(g).

By their express terms, the Waivers directly affect the pecuniary interests of the Trustees. Absent the 506(c) Waiver, the Debtors would have a potential right to attempt to surcharge the collateral of the Trustees for alleged costs of preservation or disposition. Depending upon the value of the Trustees' collateral, such potential surcharge could be a direct, dollar-for-dollar reduction of the recovery available to

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<sup>2</sup> This Motion to Intervene has been filed within 30 days of the effective docketing of the appeal as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8013(g). The appeal was effectively docketed on February 4, 2019, when the final motion pending in the Bankruptcy Court seeking to amend the findings in the Financing Order was resolved by an order of the Bankruptcy Court [Docket No. 1457 in the Bankruptcy Court proceeding]. See Fed. R. Bankr. P. 8002(b)(2) (providing that the filing of a notice of appeal is not effective until the lower court resolves all motions seeking to amend the underlying order which is the subject of the appeal). This Motion to Intervene was filed within 30 days after the Bankruptcy Court's February 4, 2019 order resolving the final motion to amend the Financing Order.

1 the Trustees and their note holders on account of their secured claim. Therefore, the  
2 Trustees have a direct interest in seeking to have this Court affirm the entry of the  
3 Financing Order with the 506(c) Waiver intact.

4 Similarly, without the 552(b) Waiver, if the Trustees were somehow prevented  
5 from recovering the post-petition proceeds of their pre-petition collateral under the  
6 “equities of the case” exception contained in Section 552(b) of the Bankruptcy  
7 Code, the Trustees could also suffer direct, pecuniary damage in the form of a  
8 reduced recovery on account of their otherwise valid security interest. In fact, the  
9 vast majority of the recovery on the Trustees’ secured claims in this case will come  
10 from the post-petition sales proceeds of the Debtors’ acute care hospitals, which are  
11 encumbered by the pre-petition liens and security interests of the Trustees. If the  
12 552(b) Waiver were expunged from the Financing Order, there would be at least a  
13 theoretical risk that the Trustees might not be entitled to the primary source of  
14 collateral proceeds which would otherwise satisfy their secured claims.<sup>3</sup> LaBarre v.  
15 Ulrich, No. CV-15-1959-PHX-DGC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 164258 (D. Az. Dec.  
16 7, 2015) (creditor was allowed to intervene in appeal of order confirming plan of  
17 reorganization because it had a sufficient interest in the issues on appeal, to wit, it  
18 actively participated in the plan process, made significant concessions with respect  
19 to its secured claim, and would benefit from an affirmance of the confirmation  
20 order).

21 Given that the two narrow issues in this appeal relate almost exclusively to the  
22 amount of the recovery that the Trustees, as secured creditors, will receive in this  
23 case, the Trustees, and not the Debtors, are actually the most appropriate party to  
24 defend the inclusion of the Waivers in the Financing Order. In fact, if the Waivers

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26 <sup>3</sup> As noted above, the Trustees steadfastly maintain that there are no substantive  
27 grounds whatsoever under which the Debtors or any other party could make a  
28 successful claim against the Trustees under Section 506(c) or the “equities of the  
case” exception of Section 552(b).

1 were expunged from the Financing Order, it could potentially benefit the Debtors by  
2 removing or reducing the aggregate secured debt that the Debtors must deal with in  
3 the bankruptcy proceeding. The Trustees do not doubt the good faith effort that the  
4 Debtors will make in defending the Financing Order that they fought hard to have  
5 entered by the Bankruptcy Court, but, at the same time, the true parties in interest  
6 with the most to lose should be entitled to participate directly in arguing that the  
7 Financing Order should be sustained as is. This point is highlighted by the fact that  
8 the Waivers were included in the Financing Order not at the request of the Debtors,  
9 but at the insistence of the Trustees as part of their adequate protection for allowing  
10 a priming lien with respect to the Debtors' additional \$185 million financing and for  
11 consenting to the use of their cash collateral during the course of the case. *Patrick*  
12 *v. Macrose Indus. Corp.*, 186 B.R. 789 (E.D.N.Y. 1995) (lender was permitted to  
13 intervene in an adversary proceeding under Fed. R. Bankr. P. 7024 to assert a  
14 secured claim to an escrow account because the debtor would gain very little  
15 regardless of the outcome of the litigation and, thus, was not the party with the real  
16 economic interest).

17 **III. Allowing the Trustees to File an *Amicus Curiae* Brief Would not be**  
18 **an Adequate Substitute for Intervention.**

19 Allowing the Trustees to file an *amicus curiae* brief would not be an adequate  
20 substitute for intervention. For example, it is possible that the current appellant and  
21 the appellees could decide to settle this matter before a decision is rendered by this  
22 Court. Such settlement might expunge the Waivers, condition the Waivers, or  
23 otherwise modify the Waivers in any number of ways that are unacceptable to the  
24 Trustees which, as the parties with the direct pecuniary interest, might thereafter  
25 result in a financial loss to the Trustees. An *amicus curiae* would have little or no  
26 say in such settlement.

27 It is also conceivable that this Court might rule against the Debtors on the  
28 merits of this appeal. As merely an *amicus curiae*, the Trustees would be unable to

1 decide, independently of the Debtors, whether to appeal this Court's adverse  
2 appellate decision.

3 In most circumstances, while an *amicus curiae* is certainly interested in the  
4 outcome of an appeal, it rarely has a risk of a direct pecuniary loss. In contrast, in  
5 this case, the Trustees are virtually the only parties that have a direct, pecuniary risk  
6 of loss if the Waivers are expunged from the Financing Order. Accordingly, merely  
7 allowing the Trustees to file an *amicus curiae* brief would not be an adequate  
8 substitute for intervention as an appellee.

### 9 CONCLUSION

10 The Trustees are the real parties in interest with respect to the issues raised by  
11 this appeal because they have the primary risk of pecuniary loss in the event that  
12 this Court reverses the decision of the Bankruptcy Court and expunges the Waivers  
13 contained in the Financing Order. The Trustees have satisfied all of the  
14 requirements of Fed R. Bankr. P. 8013(g), and should be permitted to intervene as  
15 appellees. As noted above, neither the Committee, as appellant, nor the Debtors, as  
16 appellee, oppose the request of the Trustees to intervene.

### 17 CORPORATE DISCLOSURE STATEMENT 18 PURSUANT TO FED. R. BANKR. P. 8012

19 Pursuant to Fed R. Bankr. P. 8012, (i) UMB Bank, N.A. states that it is a  
20 federally chartered banking institution and is a wholly owned subsidiary of UMB  
21 Financial Corporation, a publicly held corporation, and (ii) Wells Fargo Bank,  
22 National Association states that it is a federally chartered banking institution, that it

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1 has no parent corporation, and that there is no publicly held corporation which owns  
2 10% or more of its stock.

3 Dated: March 6, 2019

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is 2029 Century Park East, Suite 3100, Los Angeles, California 90067.

I hereby certify that on March 6, 2019, I electronically filed the **MOTION OF UMB BANK, N.A. AND WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEES, TO INTERVENE IN APPEAL; MEMORANDUM OF POINTS AND AUTHORITIES** with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to all CM/ECF registered parties.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.  
Executed on March 6, 2019, at Los Angeles, California.

  
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1 On April 8, 2019, the motion of UMB Bank, N.A. as master indenture trustee  
2 and Wells Fargo Bank, National Association, as indenture trustee (the “Trustees”) for  
3 an order to allow the Trustees to intervene in this appeal (the “Motion”) came before  
4 the Court for hearing. Having considered the papers and arguments submitted in  
5 support of, and in response to, the Motion, and finding good cause therefore,

6 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that the Motion is GRANTED, and that the  
7 Trustees shall be allowed to intervene in this appeal.

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9 Dated: \_\_\_\_\_

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12 Honorable R. Gary Klausner  
13 U.S. District Court Judge  
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I am a resident of the State of California, over the age of eighteen years, and not a party to the within action. My business address is 2029 Century Park East, Suite 3100, Los Angeles, California 90067.

I hereby certify that on March 6, 2019, I electronically filed the **[PROPOSED] ORDER GRANTING MOTION OF UMB BANK, N.A. AND WELLS FARGO BANK, NATIONAL ASSOCIATION, AS INDENTURE TRUSTEES, TO INTERVENE IN APPEAL** with the Clerk of the Court by using the CM/ECF system which will send a notice of electronic filing to all CM/ECF registered parties.

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