

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

In re:)	Chapter 11
WELDED CONSTRUCTION, L.P., <i>et al.</i> , ¹)	Case No. 18-12378 (KG)
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	Related Docket Nos. 253 & 304

**ORDER AUTHORIZING THE OFFICIAL COMMITTEE OF UNSECURED
CREDITORS OF WELDED CONSTRUCTION, L.P., *ET AL.*, TO RETAIN AND
EMPLOY BLANK ROME LLP AS ITS COUNSEL PURSUANT TO
11 U.S.C. §§ 328 AND 1103, FED. R. BANKR. P. 2014, AND
LOCAL R. 2014-1 NUNC PRO TUNC TO OCTOBER 30, 2018**

UPON CONSIDERATION of the application (the “Application”)² of the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors (the “Committee”) of Welded Construction, L.P., *et al.* (collectively, the “Debtors”), for an order, pursuant to sections 328(a) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, Bankruptcy Rule 2014, and Local Rule 2014-1, authorizing the Committee to employ and retain the law firm of Blank Rome LLP (“Blank Rome”) as its counsel *nunc pro tunc* to October 30, 2018; and upon (a) the verified statement of John E. Lucian, a partner of the Blank Rome firm, in support of the Application and (b) the declaration of Walter Curtis Keal, as representative of Ohio Machinery Co., solely in its capacity as a chairperson of the Committee, in support of the Application; and the Court finding that (a) the Court has jurisdiction over the Application pursuant to §§ 157 and 1334 and (b) this is a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A); and the Court being satisfied that, except as set forth in the Verified Statement, Blank Rome and its professionals: (a) are not creditors,

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, are: Welded Construction, L.P. (5008) and Welded Construction Michigan, LLC (9830). The mailing address for each of the Debtors is 26933 Eckel Road, Perrysburg, OH 43551.

² Capitalized terms used but not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the Application.



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equity security holders or insiders of the Debtors, (b) are not and were not, within two (2) years before the Petition Date, directors, officers or employees of the Debtors, (c) do not hold or represent any interest materially adverse to the interest of the Debtors' estates and (d) are not related to any judge of this Court, the U.S. Trustee for this District or any employee of the U.S. Trustee in this District; and, accordingly, Blank Rome and its professionals are "disinterested persons" within the meaning of section 101(14), as modified by section 1107(b) of the Bankruptcy Code; and Blank Rome's representation of the Committee being permissible under sections 328(a) and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code; and it appearing that the relief requested is in the best interests of the Debtors' estates, their creditors, and other parties-in-interest; and it appearing that notice of the Application and opportunity for a hearing thereon was appropriate under the particular circumstances and that no other or further notice need be given; and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefore, it is hereby

ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Application is GRANTED as set forth herein.
2. Pursuant to sections 328 and 1103 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Committee is hereby authorized and empowered to employ the firm of Blank Rome, *nunc pro tunc* to October 30, 2018, as its counsel in the Debtors' chapter 11 cases, and Blank Rome is authorized to perform the services set forth in the Application.
3. Blank Rome shall apply for compensation and reimbursement of expenses in accordance with the procedures set forth in sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules and any applicable orders of this Court.

4. As set forth in the Verified Statement, Blank Rome shall file appropriate supplemental disclosure(s) with the Court to the extent that additional information concerning any connections is developed.

5. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or relating to the implementation of this Order.

6. Notwithstanding any Bankruptcy Rule to the contrary, this Order shall take effect immediately upon its entry.

Dated: December 6th, 2018
Wilmington, Delaware


KEVIN GROSS
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE