

ORDERED.

Dated: November 19, 2019



Roberta A. Colton  
United States Bankruptcy Judge

UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
TAMPA DIVISION

In re:

FREEDOM PERFORMANCE LLC,

Case No.: 8:19-bk-05338-RCT

Debtor.

Chapter 7

**ORDER GRANTING FIRST INTERIM APPLICATION FOR ALLOWANCE  
AND PAYMENT OF COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES TO LISA M. CASTELLANO AND THE LAW FIRM  
OF GENOVESE JOBLOVE & BATTISTA, P.A.  
AS GENERAL COUNSEL TO THE CHAPTER 7 TRUSTEE**

THIS CASE came before the Court without a hearing on the *First Interim Application for Allowance and Payment of Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses to Lisa M. Castellano and the Law Firm of Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. as General Counsel to the Chapter 7 Trustee* (Doc. 22 - the "Fee Application"). In the Fee Application, Genovese Joblove & Battista, P.A. ("GJB") seeks an award of fees in the amount of \$14,326.50 for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses in the amount of \$233.12 in the period June 5, 2019 through September 30, 2019 (the "Application Period").

The Court having, reviewed the Fee Application, noted that it was served upon all interested parties with the Local Rule 2002-4 negative notice legend informing the parties of their opportunity to respond within 21 days of the date of service, noted that no party filed a

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response within the time permitted, and therefore considering the matter to be unopposed, does hereby

ORDER as follows:

1. The Fee Application is GRANTED.
2. GJB is awarded: (a) fees in the amount of \$14,326.50; and (b) expenses in the amount of \$233.12, for a total award of \$14,559.62 (the "Award").
3. At this time, Stephen L. Meininger (the "Trustee"), as Chapter 7 Trustee of the bankruptcy estate, is authorized to pay GJB \$14,326.50 in fees and \$233.12 in expenses, for a total amount of \$14,559.62.
4. In allowing the foregoing fees, the Court has considered the criteria in 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 and the requirements of Bankruptcy Rule 2016 in light of the principles stated in *Norman v. Housing Authority of Montgomery*, 836 F.2d 1292, 1299 (11<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1988); *Pennsylvania v. Delaware Valley Citizen's Council for Clean Air*, 478 U.S. 546 (1986); *Blum v. Stenson*, 465 U.S. 886, 897 (1984); *Hensley v. Eckerhart*, 461 U.S. 424, 433 (1983); each of the factors that govern the reasonableness of fees as set forth in *Matter of First Colonial Corp. of America*, (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1977), 544 F.2d. 1291 and *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express, Inc.*, 488 F.2d 714 (5<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1974). Specific findings and a statement of the facts and considerations supporting each of these conclusions have been omitted in the interest of brevity but will be prepared and filed at the request of any party if received by this Court within ten (10) days after the entry of this Order.
5. The Trustee is hereby authorized and directed to pay the Award to GJB.

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*Michael A. Friedman, Esq. is directed to serve a copy of this order on interested parties who do not receive service by CM/ECF and file a proof of service within 3 days of entry of the order.*