

Date: July 28, 2009

HONORABLE: REVA GOETZ, COMMISSIONER
NONE, DEPUTY SHERIFFJ. CHOI,
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BP - 108870

BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS -
CONSERVATORSHIPCOUNSEL FOR PETITIONER:
NO APPEARANCES

NATURE OF PROCEEDINGS: RULING ON SUBMITTED MATTER;

IRMO Conservatorship of Britney Spears

BP 108870

Ruling on submitted matter:

This matter came for hearing on the regularly scheduled calendar on July 24, 2009 at 1:30 p.m. The issue of attorney fees related to preliminary injunctions issued by Judge Bobb on May 29, 2009 was taken under submission and after considering the fee statements of all counsel the court now issues its ruling.

As a preliminary matter, the restrained parties are entitled to have a hearing concerning the amount of attorney fees for which they may be charged in connection with this matter. Any orders made by this court for the payment of attorney fees by the Conservatorship is without prejudice and may not be used by counsel to establish what amount may be charged to the restrained parties.

However, the court recognizes that there are conflicting criteria related to providing the litigation services to protect the Conservatee and the shifting of the burden of paying the related costs to the restrained persons that caused the Conservatorship to pursue their legal remedy. Addressing that conflict in criteria the court now makes the following findings and orders:

A. Findings:

1. Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Dooks & Lincenberg, P.C.

2/01/09 - 4/30/09 Billing	\$101,121.14 ¹
5/01/09 - 6/30/09 Billing	\$ 31,742.11 ²
Total fees and costs billed	<u>\$132,863.25</u>
Less: Fees advanced pursuant	
To court order on 6/17/09	<u>\$ 55,000.00</u>

¹ From Boxer fee statements filed with his declaration on May 8, 2009

² From Boxer fee statements (including courtesy discount) filed with his declaration on July 17, 2009

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Fees due and owing \$ 76,863.25

2. Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLC
12/1/08 – 4/30/09 \$131,643.75³
Less: Fees advanced pursuant to
Court order on 6/17/09 \$ 65,000.00
Fees due and owing \$ 66,643.75

3. Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker
3/1/09- 5/13/09 \$ 27,273.50⁴
Less: Fees advance pursuant to
Court order on 6/17/09 \$ 15,000.00
Fees due and owing \$ 12,273.50

B. The court has reviewed the billing statements and related discounts and makes the following orders:

Based on the above each of the following law firms are to be paid in the sums denoted below for their prosecution of the preliminary injunctions. These sums are determined by this court, based on the criteria related to the Conservatorship only (the protection of the conservatee being a primary goal of the conservatorship), to be reasonable and necessary to protect the conservatee.

These orders are without prejudice to the restrained persons and may not be used by the Conservators or their counsel to establish what amounts, if any, may be charged to and ordered payable by the restrained parties.

Any amounts recovered pursuant to court order for the payment of fees by the restrained persons shall be reimbursed to the Conservatorship Estate.

The court deems these amounts to be paid in full and no additional fees related to the pursuit of the preliminary injunctions issued on May 29, 2009, other than fees and costs related to events after May 29, 2009 and/or the appeal process, will be approved.

1. Bird, Marella, Boxer, Wolpert, Nessim, Drooks & Lincenberg, P.C. fees and costs in the amount of \$76,863.25.
2. Luce, Forward, Hamilton & Scripps, LLC, fees and costs in the amount of \$60,643.75.
3. Hoffman, Sabban & Watenmaker fees and costs in the amount of \$10,273.50.

Counsel for the Conservators is to prepare the Orders in accord with the above.

³ From Wexler Declaration filed with Fee Allowance Petition on June 4, 2009 (p.12, paragraph 36)

⁴ From Billing Statements filed with Fee Allowance Petition on June 4, 2009 less the discount in the amount of \$4,009.50 referred to in Ms. Wyle's declaration filed on the same date, page 9, paragraph 26.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, John A. Clarke Executive Officer/Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California for the County of Los Angeles, and not a party to the action hereby certify that on this date I mailed a copy of this minute order by depositing it in sealed a envelope with postage threcon fully prepaid in the U.S. Mail at Los Angeles, California addressed as follows:

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