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Honorable Bruce T. Beesley  
United States Bankruptcy Judge



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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

In re:  
ROBERT C. GRAHAM, LTD. fdba ROB  
GRAHAM & ASSOCIATES fdba  
LAWYERSWEST,  
  
Debtor.

Case No. BK-S16-16655-BTB  
Chapter 7

**ORDER GRANTING EX PARTE  
APPLICATION TO EMPLOY DIAMOND  
MCCARTHY LLP, NUNC PRO TUNC TO  
DECEMBER 28, 2016, AS SPECIAL  
LITIGATION COUNSEL FOR  
VICTORIA L. NELSON, CHAPTER 7  
TRUSTEE PURSUANT TO 11 U.S.C. §  
327(a) AND FEDERAL RULE OF  
BANKRUPTCY PROCEDURE 2014**

Date of Hearing: N/A  
Time of Hearing: N/A

Judge: Honorable Bruce T. Beesley

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1 The Court has reviewed the *Ex Parte Application to Employ Diamond McCarthy LLP,*  
2 *Nunc Pro Tunc to December 28, 2016, as Special Litigation Counsel for Victoria L. Nelson,*  
3 *Chapter 7 Trustee Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure*  
4 *2014* (the “Application”) [ECF No. 39]<sup>1</sup>, filed on January 4, 2017, by VICTORIA L. NELSON,  
5 the Chapter 7 Trustee in the above-captioned bankruptcy case (the “Trustee”), by and through her  
6 proposed counsel of record, Kathy Bazoian Phelps, Esq. of the law firm of Diamond McCarthy  
7 LLP and Jacob L. Houmand, Esq. and Kyle J. Ortiz, Esq. of the Law Firm of Nelson & Houmand,  
8 P.C.<sup>2</sup> The Application sought authority to employ the law firm of Diamond McCarthy LLP, *nunc*  
9 *pro tunc*, as special litigation counsel pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Federal Rule of  
10 Bankruptcy Procedure 2014.

11 The Court reviewed the Application, the *Declaration of Kathy Bazoian Phelps, Esq. In*  
12 *Support of the Ex Parte Application to Employ Diamond McCarthy LLP, Nunc Pro Tunc to*  
13 *December 28, 2016, as Special Litigation Counsel for Victoria L. Nelson, Chapter 7 Trustee*  
14 *Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2014* [ECF No. 40],  
15 the *Declaration of Victoria L. Nelson In Support of the Ex Parte Application to Employ Diamond*  
16 *McCarthy LLP, Nunc Pro Tunc to December 28, 2016, as Special Litigation Counsel for Victoria*  
17 *L. Nelson, Chapter 7 Trustee Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and Federal Rule of Bankruptcy*  
18 *Procedure 2014* [ECF No. 41], the exhibits attached thereto, and all of the papers on file herein.

19 It appearing to the Court that the relief requested in the Application is necessary and in the  
20 best interests of the Bankruptcy Estate and its creditors, and upon consideration of the pleadings  
21 and good cause appearing,

22 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that:

23 (1) The Application is **GRANTED** pursuant to the modified terms included in this  
24 Order to which the Trustee has agreed, in response to inquiries from the Office of the United  
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26 <sup>1</sup> All references to “ECF No.” are to the numbers assigned to the documents filed in the case as  
27 they appear on the docket maintained by the clerk of the court.

28 <sup>2</sup> All defined terms in this Order shall have the same meaning ascribed to them in the Application  
unless otherwise provided herein.

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1 States Trustee, in order to ensure the continued application of the recent holding of the Supreme  
2 Court of the United States in *Baker Botts L.L.P., et al. v. ASARCO, LLC*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 135 S. Ct.  
3 2158 (2015) and to prevent any approval under 11 U.S.C. § 328(a) of the Application and/or its  
4 related retention/engagement agreements from changing, modifying, abridging, or nullifying the  
5 application of the holding of that case here; and

6 (2) The Firm shall not be eligible to receive any award of attorneys’ fees for fee  
7 defense litigation as proscribed by *Baker Botts L.L.P., et al. v. ASARCO, LLC*, \_\_\_ U.S. \_\_\_, 135  
8 S. Ct. 2158 (2015) and by the express terms of 11 U.S.C. § 330(a)(1), whether such award is  
9 sought in the form of compensation, or re-characterized as an expense reimbursement or  
10 otherwise; and

11 (3) The Trustee appointed in the above-referenced bankruptcy case is hereby  
12 authorized pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a) and the Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 2014 to  
13 employ Diamond McCarthy LLP as her special litigation counsel effective as of December 28,  
14 2016; and

15 (4) The terms of such employment shall be as described in the Application and in the  
16 supporting Verified Statement of Kathy Bazoian Phelps, Esq.; and

17 (5) Such terms of employment are approved as reasonable in accordance with 11  
18 U.S.C. § 330; and

19 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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18 **Approved As to Form and Content**  
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