

# ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on September 23, 2014.

Paul G. Hyman,

Chief United States Bankruptcy Judge

## UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION www.flsb.uscourts.gov

In re:

PALM BEACH FINANCE PARTNERS, L.P., PAL BEACH FINANCE II, L.P.<sup>1</sup>,

Debtors.

Chapter 11

Case No.: 09-36379-PGH Case No.: 09-36396-PGH (Jointly Administered)

## ORDER AWARDING SECOND INTERIM POST CONFIRMATION FEE APPLICATION OF DAVID S. MANDEL AND MANDEL <u>& MANDEL, LLP, AS SPECIAL CO-COUNSEL TO THE LIQUIDATING TRUSTEE</u>

THIS CAUSE came before the Court on September 23, 2014, at 9:30 a.m., upon the

Second Interim Post Confirmation Fee Application of David S. Mandel and Mandel & Mandel,

LLP, as Special Co-Counsel to the Liquidating Trustee [ECF No. 2399] (the "Application").

The Court, having reviewed the Application, having heard from all parties in interest who

had an opportunity to be heard, having taken into consideration 11 U.S.C. § 331 and each of the

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> The address and last four digits of the taxpayer identification number for each of the Debtors follows in parenthesis: (i) Palm Beach Finance Partners, L.P., 3601 PGA Blvd. Suite 301, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 (TIN 9943); and (ii) Palm Beach Finance II, L.P., 3601 PGA Blvd. Suite 301, Palm Beach Gardens, FL 33410 (TIN 0680).

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factors that govern the reasonableness of fees as set forth in *In re First Colonial Corp. of America*, 544 F.2d 1291 (5th Cir. 1977) and *Johnson v. Georgia Highway Express*, 488 F.2d 714 (5th Cir. 1974), having heard the argument of counsel, and based on the record, it is

### **ORDERED** that:

1. The Application is **APPROVED**.

2. Mandel & Mandel, LLP, ("*M&M*") Special Co-Counsel to the Liquidating Trustee<sup>2</sup>, is awarded compensation in the amount of **\$360,960.27** (representing 100% of the fees requested) and **\$4,056.24** (representing 100% of expenses requested) ("*Fee and Cost Award*").

3. Pursuant to Section 1.76 of the Plan, and as set forth in the Application, the fees and costs awarded herein are subject to the *pro rata* allocation formula. The Fee and Cost Award shall be paid by the particular estate as follows:

Estate / Percentage	Fees	Costs
Palm Beach Finance Partners, L.P. (18%)	\$64,972.85	\$730.12
Palm Beach Finance II, L.P. (82%)	\$295,987.42	\$3,326.12
TOTAL FEES AND COSTS:	\$360,960.27	\$4,056.24

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 $<sup>^{2}</sup>$  All capitalized terms not defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such term as set forth in the Application.

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4. M&M shall credit the estate for Palm Beach Finance Partners, L.P. \$275.88 and the estate for Palm Beach Finance II, L.P. \$1,256.76 for the inadvertently entered time entries included in Invoice No. 15846 totaling \$1,532.64, which was paid to M&M, and which represent work performed in the GECC Adversary and compensated on a contingency fee basis.

5. Pursuant to Section 7.1.11 of the Plan, the Court ratifies payments previously made by the Liquidating Trustee to Mandel & Mandel, LLP, with respect to the Fee and Cost Award.

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#### **Copies Furnished To:**

Solomon B. Genet, Esquire, is directed to serve copies of this Order on all parties in interest and to file a Certificate of Service.