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June 11, 2026

Nathan Ochsner, Clerk

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

In re:	§	
	§	Chapter 7
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PAINTED TREE HOUSTON, LLC, <i>et al.</i> ¹	§	Case No. 26-32918
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Debtors.	§	(Jointly Administered)
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ORDER AUTHORIZING EMPLOYMENT OF COUNSEL (ECF No. 27)

Upon the Application of Christopher R. Murray (“Trustee”), Chapter 7 Trustee of the bankruptcy estate of the above-named Debtors, praying for authority to employ and appoint the law firm of Nathan Sommers Gibson Dillon PC (“NSGD”) and to designate Iain Kennedy to act as lead counsel to represent Trustee, and it appearing from the Application and the Affidavit attached thereto that the members of NSGD are attorneys duly admitted to practice in this Court, and that NSGD represents no interest adverse to Trustee, the above-named Debtors, or the bankruptcy estates in the matters upon which it is to be engaged, that NSGD is disinterested as that term is defined by § 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, that its employment is necessary and would be in the best interest of the estate, and that the case is one that requires retention of counsel, it is:

ORDERED that Trustee be and is hereby authorized to employ NSGD, with Iain Kennedy acting as lead counsel, to represent Trustee in this case, effective as of April 28, 2026, to perform professional services, including the following:

- a. assisting with the employment of professional persons by the estate, obtaining court approval to pay professionals, and when necessary, objecting to unreasonable fee applications by those professionals;

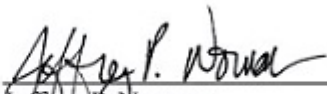
¹ A complete list of the Debtors in these Chapter 7 cases may be obtained on the Court’s website www.ecf.txsb.uscourts.gov. The Debtors’ service address in these chapter 7 cases is: One Allied Drive, Suite 300, Little Rock, AR 72202.

- b. analyzing, instituting, and prosecuting actions regarding insider transactions and third-party dealings;
- c. analyzing, instituting, and prosecuting actions regarding avoidance of setoffs and avoidable transfers;
- d. investigation of executory contract relationships of the Debtors and instituting necessary proceedings to assume or reject such executory contracts;
- e. negotiating and securing court approval for claim compromises and/or the sale of estate property;
- f. examining and objecting to, if necessary, the Debtors' exemptions;
- g. pursuing turnover of nonexempt assets;
- h. aiding in the representation of Trustee in any litigation against Trustee in his official capacity;
- i. analyzing business associations of the Debtors and/or debts owing to the Debtors, determining the interest of the estate, and instituting and prosecuting any actions necessary to effectuate the recovery and liquidation of such interest or obligations;
- j. preparing for instituting and prosecuting any necessary examinations under FED. R. BANKR. P. 2004 and, if necessary, instituting and prosecuting motions to compel attendance and removal of persons for examinations under FED. R. BANKR. P. 2005; and
- k. representing the estate in any other lawsuits or adversary proceedings as necessary.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that NSGD shall not be compensated by the bankruptcy estate for performing duties required to be performed by Trustee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that should Trustee desire for NSGD to perform any additional professional services other than those authorized herein, or should Trustee desire to appoint additional counsel to perform legal services, leave is hereby granted for Trustee to file such other applications or supplemental applications as may be necessary or appropriate.

Signed: June 10, 2026



Jeffrey P. Norman
United States Bankruptcy Judge