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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
ASCEND CAPVENTURES INC., et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. 2:24-CV-07660-SPG-JPR

**NOTICE OF HEARING ON  
AMENDED FIRST INTERIM  
APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF  
FEES OF RECEIVER, STEPHEN J.  
DONELL, AND HIS  
PROFESSIONALS**

Date: April 23, 2025  
Time: 1:30 p.m.  
Ctvm: 5C  
Judge Hon. Sherilyn Peace Garnett

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**TO THE HONORABLE SHERILYN PEACE GARNETT, UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE, AND ALL INTERESTED PARTIES:**

**PLEASE TAKE NOTICE** that **April 23, 2025**, at **1:30 p.m.**, or as soon thereafter as this matter may be heard in Courtroom 5C of the above-captioned Court, located at 350 W. 1st Street, 6th Floor, Los Angeles, California 90012, Stephen J. Donell (the "Receiver"), the Court-appointed receiver in the above-entitled action, along with his general receivership counsel, Allen Matkins Leck Gamble Mallory & Natsis LLP ("Allen Matkins"), his forensic accounting firm, SL Biggs, and local counsel Ross, Smith & Binford, PC (now, Ross & Smith, PC ["RSB"]) and Markowitz Ringel Trusty & Hartog, P.A. ("MRTH", and together with Allen Matkins, SL Biggs, and RSB, the "Professionals"), will jointly submit their amended first interim application for the payment of fees (the "Application").

The Application has been filed concurrently herewith. Pursuant to the Application, the Receiver and his Professionals (collectively, the "Applicants") seek approval, payment, and reimbursement of their respective fees incurred during the period from September 13, 2024 through October 31, 2024, as follows:

<b>Applicant</b>	<b>Fees</b>
Receiver	\$69,897.15
Allen Matkins	\$145,013.85
MRTH	\$3,000.00
RSB	\$20,317.50
SL Biggs	\$70,337.00
	<b>\$308,565.50</b>

**PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that the Application is based on this notice, the concurrently filed memorandum of points and authorities and declarations of Stephen J. Donell, Joshua A. del Castillo, Brian J. Landau, Alan R. Rosenberg, and Frances A. Smith, and any argument or evidence presented to the Court at the hearing on the Application.

1       **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that you may obtain a copy of the  
2 Application via the United States Courts' PACER (Public Access to Court  
3 Electronic Records) system (account required) at <https://pacer.uscourts.gov/>.

4       **PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE** that, if you oppose the Application,  
5 you are required to file your written opposition with the Office of the Clerk, United  
6 States District Court for the Central District of California, 255 E. Temple Street,  
7 Suite 180, Los Angeles, California 90012 and serve the same on the undersigned not  
8 later than 21 days prior to the above-referenced hearing date.

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10 Dated: March 13, 2025

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