

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
SHERMAN DIVISION**

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE §
COMMISSION §
 Plaintiff, §

v. §

Case No. 4:17-CV-00336-ALM

THURMAN P. BRYANT, III and §
BRYANT UNITED CAPITAL FUNDING, §
INC., ARTHUR F. WAMMEL, WAMMEL §
GROUP, LLC, CARLOS GOODSPEED §
a/k/a SEAN PHILLIPS a/k/a GC d/b/a TOP §
AGENT ENTERTAINMENT d/b/a/ MR. §
TOP AGENT ENTERTAINMENT, §
 Defendants, §

and §

THURMAN P. BRYANT, JR., §
 Relief Defendant. §

**ORDER APPROVING EMPLOYMENT OF HEDRICK KRING, PLLC
AS LIMITED COUNSEL TO RECEIVER IN THE SPECIAL RECEIVERSHIP ACTION
EFFECTIVE AS OF AUGUST 10, 2019**

Before the Court is the *Request for Order Approving Receiver’s Employment of Hedrick Kring, PLLC as Limited Counsel to Receiver in the Special Receivership Action Effective as of August 10, 2019* and the supporting declaration submitted by Katharine Battaia Clark of Hedrick Kring, PLLC (collectively, the “**Hedrick Kring Application**”),¹ filed by Jennifer Ecklund, the Court-appointed Receiver (the “**Receiver**”) for Defendants Thurman P. Bryant, III (“**Bryant**”) and Bryant United Capital Funding, Inc. (“**BUCF**”) (Bryant and BUCF, collectively, the

¹ All capitalized terms not defined herein shall be given the meanings ascribed to them in the Hedrick Kring Application.

“**Bryant Defendants**”) and Defendant Arthur F. Wammel (“**Wammel**”), Defendant Wammel Group, LLC (the “**Wammel Group**”), and Wammel Group Holdings Partnership (“**WGHP**”) (together Wammel, Wammel Group, and WGHP, the “**Wammel Defendants**”) receivership estates (together, the “**Receivership Estate**” or the “**Receivership**”), in the above-captioned case (the “**Case**”), and pursuant to the Court’s *Order Appointing Receiver*, entered on May 15, 2017, and *Amended Order Appointing Receiver*, entered July 19, 2017, in this Case, the Court finds that: (i) it has subject matter jurisdiction over the Hedrick Kring Application; (ii) it has personal jurisdiction over the Defendants; (iii) Hedrick Kring, PLLC (“**Hedrick Kring**”) (a) does not represent or hold any interest adverse to the Defendants or the Estate and (b) is disinterested and not otherwise disqualified from representing the Receiver; (iv) the Receiver’s employment of Hedrick Kring as a Retained Personnel under the terms outlined in the Hedrick Kring Application is in the best interests of the Estate; (v) proper and adequate notice of the Hedrick Kring Application under the circumstances has been given and no other or further notice is necessary; (vi) no objections to the Hedrick Kring Application were filed with this Court; (vii) (a) the Receiver engaged Hedrick Kring on August 10, 2019 for the limited purpose of representing the Receiver in the Special Receivership Action, and (b) the employment of Hedrick Kring should be effective as of that date; and (viii) the Receiver has shown good, sufficient, and sound business purpose and justification for the relief requested in the Hedrick Kring Application, and, after due deliberation thereon, good and sufficient cause exists for granting the relief requested therein; accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED, ADJUDGED, AND DECREED THAT:

1. The Hedrick Kring Application (Dkt. #356) is **GRANTED**.

2. In accordance with the Receivership Order, the Receiver is authorized to employ and retain Hedrick Kring as limited counsel in accordance with the compensation terms in the Hedrick Kring Application and supporting Katharine Battaia Clark Declaration, effective as of August 10, 2019.

3. Hedrick Kring is authorized to provide professional services to the Receiver in the Special Receivership Action against financial institutions and to assist the Receiver to handle limited issues related to the Estate, as permitted in the Receivership Order, including without limitation, any issues ancillary and related thereto.

4. Hedrick Kring shall file applications for the approval of compensation of its fees and expenses in compliance with the Hedrick Kring Application, Court's Order, the local rules of this Court, and such other procedures that may be fixed by order of this Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

SIGNED this 27th day of March, 2020.


AMOS L. MAZZANT
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE