



**ORDERED in the Southern District of Florida on June 7, 2021.**

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Erik P. Kimball".

Erik P. Kimball, Judge  
United States Bankruptcy Court

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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA  
WEST PALM BEACH DIVISION**

**In re:**

**PALM BEACH RESORT AND BEACH CLUB  
CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.,**

**Case No. 21-15555-EPK**

**Chapter 11**

**Debtor.**

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**INTERIM ORDER APPROVING THE EMPLOYMENT OF  
THE LAW FIRM LEIDERMAN SHELOMITH + SOMODEVILLA, PLLC  
AS COUNSEL FOR THE DEBTOR-IN-POSSESSION EFFECTIVE AS OF THE  
PETITION DATE AND SETTING FINAL HEARING THEREON**

This matter came before the Court upon the *Debtor's Expedited Application for Employment of Ido J. Alexander and Leiderman Shelomith Alexander + Somodevilla, PLLC as Counsel to the Debtor Pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a), Effective as of the Petition Date* [ECF No. 6] (the "Application") and the related declaration of Ido J. Alexander (the "Declaration") filed by Palm Beach Resort and Beach Club Condominium Association, Inc. (the "Debtor"). The Application requests entry of an order approving the Debtor's employment of Ido J. Alexander, Esq. and the law firm of Leiderman Shelomith Alexander + Somodevilla, PLLC (together, the "Firm") in this chapter 11 case.

The Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334. This is a

core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b)(2)(A). The Court is authorized to grant the relief requested in the Application under 11 U.S.C. § 327, Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014(a), and Local Rule 2014-1.

The Declaration accompanying the Application makes relevant disclosures as required by Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2014 and Fed. R. Bankr. P. 2016, and constitutes a verified statement demonstrating that the Firm is disinterested as required by 11 U.S.C. § 327.

Bankruptcy Rule 6003 states, in pertinent part: “Except to the extent that relief is necessary to avoid immediate and irreparable harm, the court shall not, within 21 days after the filing of the petition, issue an order granting the following: (a) an application under Rule 2014 . . . .” An application under Rule 2014 is one for approval of employment of a professional pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 327, 1103, or 1114.

Artificial entities such as corporations and limited liability companies cannot represent themselves in this Court; they must be represented by counsel. Without counsel, debtors in possession would be unable to seek the Court orders they require to operate their businesses. The Court finds that withholding approval of an application for interim retention of counsel for such entities for twenty-one days would cause immediate and irreparable harm to the estate.

The Court adopts the following procedure for retention of counsel on an interim basis within the first twenty-one days following commencement of the case. The Court will enter an order approving retention of counsel on an interim basis until a final hearing can be convened, at least twenty-one days post-petition, after notice to all parties in interest and the United States Trustee. All objections to the retention of counsel will be preserved until the final hearing at which time the Court will review any such objections *de novo* and determine the merits of the Application. This procedure complies with the requirements of Fed. R. Bankr. P. 6003. It also ensures debtors in possession are represented by counsel so that they may seek relief in this Court during the first twenty-one days after commencement of the case and until such time as a final hearing on the Application for employment

can be convened.

Having reviewed the Application and the Declaration, the Court hereby ORDERS and ADJUDGES:

1. The Application [ECF No. 6] is GRANTED as provided herein.
2. The employment by the Debtor of the Firm as general counsel in this Chapter 11 case is APPROVED pursuant to 11 U.S.C. § 327(a), on an interim basis, pending the final hearing as set forth below.
3. The employment of the Firm by the Debtor shall be effective as of the petition date, June 4, 2021.
4. The Firm shall apply for compensation and reimbursement of costs, pursuant to 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331, at its ordinary rates and charges, as they may be adjusted from time to time, for services rendered and costs incurred on behalf of the Debtor.
5. The Court shall conduct a final hearing on the Application on **July 14, 2021 at 1:30 p.m.** The hearing will take place only by video conference via Zoom for Government. DO NOT GO TO THE COURTHOUSE. Attorneys must advise their clients not to appear at the courthouse. Although conducted by video conference, the hearing is a court proceeding. The formalities of the courtroom must be observed. All participants must dress appropriately, exercise civility, and otherwise conduct themselves in a manner consistent with the dignity of the Court. To participate in the hearing, you must register in advance no later than 3:00 p.m., one business day before the date of the hearing. To register, click on or enter the following registration link in a browser: [https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsduGsrTouGn7Udkhqe\\_ZF90qPJ3uM95E](https://www.zoomgov.com/meeting/register/vJIsduGsrTouGn7Udkhqe_ZF90qPJ3uM95E). If a party is unable to register online, please call Dawn Leonard, Courtroom Deputy, at 561-514-4143.
6. Entry of this Interim Order is without prejudice to the rights of any party in interest to interpose an objection to the Application, and any such objection will be considered on a *de novo* basis at the Final Hearing.

7. This Court shall retain jurisdiction to hear and determine all matters arising from or related to the implementation of this Order.

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Copy to:

Ido J. Alexander, Esq.

*Ido J. Alexander, Esq. is directed to serve a copy of this order on all parties in interest and file a certificate of service with the Court.*