

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARVER

DISTRICT COURT
PROBATE DIVISION
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

In Re the Estate of:

Court File No: 10-PR-16-46
Hon. Judge Kevin Eide

Prince Rogers Nelson,

**AFFIDAVIT OF ASA J. WESTON IN
SUPPORT OF HIS MOTION FOR
APPROVAL OF ATTORNEY'S FEES
AND EXPENSES FOR PERIOD
MAY 22, 2019 THROUGH
AUGUST 7, 2019**

Decedent

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

I, Asa J. Weston, being duly sworn, state as follows:

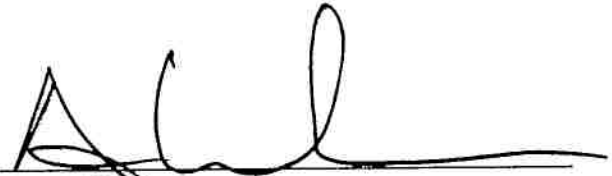
1. I am an attorney duly licensed to practice and in good standing in the State of Minnesota. If called as a witness, I could and would testify to the facts stated herein based upon my personal knowledge.
2. I was retained by heir Alfred Jackson ("Jackson") on May 22, 2019, to represent his interest in the Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson, among other personal legal matters. I served as Jackson's attorney for all estate related matters until August 7, 2019, at which time Jackson or his representatives terminated my representation.
3. I filed a formal notice of appearance in the Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson matter (the "Estate")(Carver County Court File No.: 10-PR-16-46) on May 22, 2019.
4. During the period between May 22, 2019 and August 7, 2019, I provided legal services to Jackson that benefitted the Estate as a whole, not just Jackson individually.

5. Although I provided many hours of legal services that may well be payable by the Estate as services that benefitted the Estate as a whole, I am only seeking payment of fees relating to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
[REDACTED]
6. Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a true and correct copy of my billing statements for the time period of May 22, 2019 to August 7, 2019 for work performed on the [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] only. I provided many additional hours of legal services to Jackson that benefitted him personally.
7. My legal services pertaining to the [REDACTED] benefitted the Estate as a whole rather than just Jackson in that it helped effectuate a settlement of potential costly litigation between the Estate and Misters [REDACTED]
8. Throughout the mediation process, which included numerous revisions of the eventual settlement agreement for several weeks after the mediation, I worked with Jackson, Comerica's attorneys, particularly Joseph Cassioppi, Attorney Jonas Herbsman (Omar Baker's attorney) and directly with [REDACTED] to keep all parties engaged and focused on working towards a settlement agreement.
9. Much of the work described in Paragraph 8 was performed through email strings which included all the parties referenced above. The described email strings at times were constructive and at times became counter-productive when the parties could not agree on certain matters or took unreasonable negotiation positions. These break downs in negotiations most often involved [REDACTED] and Comerica (represented by Mr. Cassioppi).

10. When these breakdowns would occur, myself and often Mr. Herbsman, communicated directly with Misters. [REDACTED] outside of the group email strings and worked to keep them engaged in the negotiation process.
11. My relationships with [REDACTED], which were based in large part upon their relationships as trusted advisors of Jackson, were valuable in keeping both [REDACTED] [REDACTED] engaged in the negotiation process.
12. At the time I was terminated as Jackson's attorney, [REDACTED] had entered into a settlement agreement with Comerica, heir Omar Baker and Jackson.
13. At the time I was terminated as Jackson's attorney, [REDACTED] had not entered into a settlement agreement, but significant progress had been made towards reaching an agreement.
14. The legal fees I am requesting in this Motion, for legal services provided that benefitted the estate as a whole, total [REDACTED] I have reviewed the original time entries for the legal fees submitted and affirm that the work performed was for the benefit of the Estate as a whole, rather than Jackson individually, and that the fees are reasonable given: (1) the time and labor required; (2) the complexity and novelty of the transactions involved; and (3) the extent of the responsibilities assumed and the results obtained.
15. Given the importance of resolving the [REDACTED] issues without the necessity of litigation, and the fact that my work assisted in resolving said dispute with [REDACTED] and assisted in making significant progress towards a settlement with [REDACTED], my legal fees are just, reasonable and commensurate with the benefit to the Estate from said legal services.

Further your affiant sayeth not.

Subscribed and sworn to before me


Asa J. Weston

This 14th day of January 2020



Notary Public

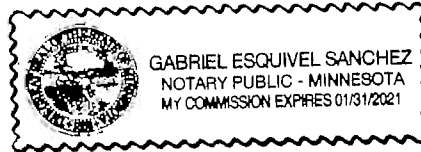


EXHIBIT A

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INVOICE

INVOICE NUMBER: 1
INVOICE DATE: JANUARY 14, 2020

Alfred Jackson

DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
MAY-24-19	Set up Fredrikson Data Room Access	0.40		
JUN-07-19	Review Filings in preparation for [REDACTED]	3.20		
JUN-07-19	Draft email to Joe Cassioppi Re: Mediation	0.10		
JUN-10-19	Review Email response from Joe Cassioppi Re: mediation	0.10		
JUN-11-19	Phone Call w/Cassiopi Re: Access to filings prior to retention	0.20		
JUN-11-19	Review email from Cassiopi RE: mediation and draft response	0.10		
JUN-18-19	Prepare for [REDACTED] with Justice Gilbert	3.50		
JUN-19-19	Additional Prep for Mediation including complete review of [REDACTED]	2.50		
JUN-19-19	[REDACTED]	8.00		
JUN-19-19	Emails to cassioppi & review of responses from [REDACTED] and Ommar counsel Re: Proposed settlement agreement	0.50		
JUN-19-19	Review proposed settlement agreement and draft proposed changes	0.70		
JUN-20-19	Review additional emails Re: Mediation	0.50		
JUL-03-19	Review final draft [REDACTED]	0.80		
JUL-03-19	Email to client Re: Signature on Mediated settlement agreement	0.20		
JUL-03-19	Phone Call with client Re: Revised settlement agreement draft	0.20		
JUL-08-19	Review multiple emails and revised exhibit lists [REDACTED]	0.50		
JUL-08-19	Draft email to Cassioppi Re: [REDACTED] to settlement agreement and review response	0.30		
JUL-09-19	review multiple emails regarding [REDACTED] and review FINAL mediated settlement agreement	0.50		
JUL-09-19	Review additional emails and correspondence to the Court Re: Mediated Settlement Agreement. Phone call to client Re: the same	0.50		
JUL-09-19	Phone calls with Bruce Jackson and client Re: signature of Mediated settlement agreement	0.30		
JUL-10-19	Review additional emails [REDACTED]	0.20		

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DATE	DESCRIPTION	HOURS	RATE	AMOUNT
JUL-10-19	Review emails and additional proposal by [REDACTED] Review signed documents sent by client.	0.50	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
JUL-11-19	Review additional emails Re: [REDACTED]	0.30	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
JUL-11-19	Review additional email from [REDACTED] and attached document.	0.30	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
JUL-16-19	Review emails from [REDACTED] and Court	0.20	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
JUL-17-19	Review correspondence to Judge Eide from Cassioppi & call client to discuss	0.40	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
JUL-25-19	Review proposed order [REDACTED] Draft signature block and sign same.	0.60	[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]
	Total amount of this invoice		[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]