

STATE OF MINNESOTA
COUNTY OF CARVER

DISTRICT COURT
FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT
PROBATE DIVISION

In Re:

Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson,
Decedent,

Case Type: Special Administration
Court File No.: 10-PR-16-46
Judge: Kevin W. Eide

**MEMORANDUM IN SUPPORT OF
MOTION TO FILE UNDER SEAL
MEMORANDUM OF LAW; AFFIDAVIT
OF ASA J WESTON IN SUPPORT OF
HIS MOTION TO APPROVE PAYMENT
OF ATTORNEYS' FEES FROM MAY 22,
2019 THROUGH AUGUST 7, 2019;
INVOICE; AND
PROPOSED ORDER APPROVING FEES**

Asa J. Weston, former attorney for Alfred Jackson, submits this Memorandum in Support of his Motion for the approval to file the following documents under seal:

1. Memorandum of Law in Support of Asa J. Weston's Motion to Approve Payment of Attorney's Fees and Expenses for Period May 22, 2019 through August 7, 2019;
2. 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;
3. Weston Law Office, LTD Invoice; and
4. (Proposed) Order Approving Payment of Attorney's Fees for Period May 22, 2019 Through August 7, 2019.

The Court has regularly allowed the parties to file material under seal. It has recognized that a court must balance the competing interests for, and against, access to proprietary information before restricting access. *Minneapolis Star & Tribune Co. v. Schumacher*, 392 N.W.2d 197, 203 (Minn. 1986). In general, "in order to overcome the presumption in favor of access, a party must show strong countervailing reasons why access should be restricted." *Id.* at 205-206. Here, the above-referenced documents contain confidential information regarding transactions and activities of the Estate that have not been made public to date. If this information were to be made public, there would be serious risk of financial and other harm to the Estate.

Accordingly, Asa J. Weston respectfully requests that the Court permit it to file the above-referenced documents under seal and that the Court and parties treat these documents as confidential in the same manner as other sealed filings made with the Court.

Respectfully Submitted,

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