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**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
LOS ANGELES DIVISION**

In re:  CATHERINE TRINH,  Debtor.	Case No. 2:18-bk-11475-RK  Chapter 11  <b>AMENDMENT TO MEMORANDUM DECISION ON APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF FINAL FEES AND/OR EXPENSES (11 U.S.C. § 330) OF LAW OFFICES OF PHILIP KAUFLE, APC, SPECIAL LITIGATION COUNSEL TO CATHERINE TRINH, DEBTOR IN POSSESSION</b>
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The court hereby amends its Memorandum Decision on Application for Payment of Final Fees and/or Expenses (11 U.S.C. § 330) of Law Offices of Philip Kaufler, APC (“LOPK”), Special Litigation Counsel to Catherine Trinh, Debtor in Possession, filed and entered on March 28, 2022, Electronic Case Filing Number (“ECF”) 936.

Subsequent to the entry of the decision, the court noted that it erroneously based its calculation of allowed fees for the Fee Category of Review of File and Bankruptcy Issues on the original amount in the fee application of \$17,030.00 for 26.2 hours of work at counsel’s hourly rate of \$650.00, which was superseded and adjusted upwards by LOPK in

1 its subsequent listing of fee categories, ECF 690 at 8-9, to \$26,357.50 for 40.55 hours of  
2 work at counsel's billing rate of \$650.00 per hour because LOPK shifted billing entries from  
3 other fee categories to this one. Accordingly, the court recomputes the fee category based  
4 on the last adjusted amount claimed by LOPK of \$26,357.50 for 40.55 hours of work at  
5 \$650.00 per hours by reducing this amount for 2.8 hours of work at \$650.00 per hour, or  
6 \$1,820.00, for work performed relating to the adversary proceeding of *Voong v. Trinh* since  
7 the Debtor was represented by other counsel on that matter and such work by LOPK was  
8 duplicative of the work of other employed counsel (the disallowed time is for 0.6 hour on  
9 June 5, 2018, 0.5 hour and 1.3 hours on June 18, 2018 and 0.4 hour on June 19, 2018).  
10 Accordingly, the allowed fees for this fee category are \$24,537.50 instead of \$15,535.00 as  
11 stated in the memorandum decision.

12 The court also adjusts the amount of allowed expenses of \$1,409.16 by reducing  
13 the allowed amount to \$1,331.16 by \$78.00 for parking for the ex parte hearing to advance  
14 hearing date on motion to amend judgment (\$18.00 on April 16, 2018) and the filing fee for  
15 ex parte application to amend judgment to add additional judgment debtors (\$60.00 on  
16 April 24, 2018) because these expenses should be disallowed as relating to the fees for  
17 work performed on the Creditor's motion to add additional judgment debtors since such  
18 work by LOPK was for other parties affected by the that motion and not necessary,  
19 reasonable or for the benefit of the Debtor and the bankruptcy estate as discussed in the  
20 memorandum decision, ECF 936 at 43-53.

21 In sum, the allowed amounts of fees and expenses are as follows: A. Review of File  
22 and Bankruptcy Issues, \$24,537.50; B. BK Employment, \$2,405.00, C. Motion to Dismiss,  
23 \$3,315.00; D. Opposition to Sec Gen's Motion for Fees, \$11,212.50; E. Motion for Pre-  
24 Judgment Attachment, \$13,921.50; F. Ex Parte Attachment, -0-; G. Writ of Attachment, -0-;  
25 H. Motion to Add Potential Judgment Debtors, -0-; I. Appeal, \$1,820.00; J. Motion for  
26 Reconsideration, \$6,240.00; K. Expenses, \$1,331.16.

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**CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, the court amends its memorandum decision on LOPK's Fee Application, and the Fee Application of LOPK is approved in part and disapproved in part, allowing professional fees and expenses in the amount of \$63,451.50 in fees and \$1,331.16 in expenses for a total of allowed fees and expenses of \$64,782.66. A separate amended final order is being filed and entered concurrently herewith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Date: March 28, 2022



Robert Kwan  
United States Bankruptcy Judge