Case 9:10-bk-10864-RR Doc 4 Filed 02/26/10 Entered 02/26/10 15:42:11 Desc Main Document Page 1 of 13 (SPACE BELOW FOR FILING STAMP ONLY) 1 MICHAELSON, SUSI & MICHAELSON A Professional Corporation 2 ATTORNEYS AT LAW SEVEN WEST FIGUEROA STREET, SECOND FLOOR 3 SANTA BARBARA, CALIFORNIA 93101-3191 Telephone: (805) 965-1011 Facsimile: (805) 965-7351 4 Peter Susi, Bar No. 62957 5 6 Attorneys for Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession 7 8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, NORTHERN DIVISION 10 11 BK No. 9:10-bk-10864 In re 12 HOLLYWOOD MOTION PICTURE Chapter 11 TRUST, 13 MOTION FOR ORDER DIRECTING Debtor. JOINT ADMINISTRATION OF 14 RELATED CASES PURSUANT TO FEDERAL RULE OF BANKRUPTCY 15 PROCEDURE 1015(B) AND LOCAL BANKRUPTCY RULE 1015-1(B); 16 DECLARATION OF TODD FISHER IN SUPPORT THEREOF 17 March 31, 2010 Date: 18 10:00 a.m. Time: Place: 1415 State Street 19 Courtroom 201 Santa Barbara, CA 20 21 TO THE HONORABLE ROBIN L. RIBLET, UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY 22 JUDGE, THE OFFICE OF THE UNITED STATES TRUSTEE, CREDITORS, AND 23 ALL PARTIES ENTITLED TO SPECIAL NOTICE: 24 Hollywood Motion Picture Trust ("Trust") hereby moves 25 this Court, pursuant to Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of 26 Bankruptcy Procedure and Local Bankruptcy Rules 1015-1(b) for 27 entry of an order, substantially in the form of Exhibit "1", 28 authorizing the joint administration of this case with the

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bankruptcy cases of related entities Hollywood Motion Picture and Television Museum ("Museum"), case number 9:09-bk-12311, and Selden Enterprises Limited Partnership ("Selden"), case number 9:10-bk-10865. Museum, Trust and Selden will be referred to herein as the "Debtors."

BACKGROUND FACTS

I.

Trust and Selden have entered into agreements with Gregory Orman ("Orman") whereby Trust and Selden have pledged personal property assets to secure the obligations of Museum to Orman. Orman has brought suit against Museum, Trust, and Selden in the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas, Case No. 08-CV-06262, seeking judgments against all three based upon money loaned to Museum. Orman has filed a Proof of Claim in the Museum case seeking payment of the amount of \$5,516,845.99 plus interest of thirty percent (30%) per annum on \$2,020,000 from and after June 12, 2009 until paid. Trust, Selden, and Museum dispute the amount claimed.

Trust and Selden each filed for protection under Chapter
11 of the Bankruptcy Code to stay the Kansas litigation and
intend to file a joint plan of reorganization which will
provide for payment of the Orman obligation in full on terms to
be approved by the Bankruptcy Court.

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II.

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ARGUMENT

Although Section 302(a) of the Bankruptcy Code specifically provides for joint administration of filings by spouses, there is no provision in the Bankruptcy Code governing joint administration of cases such as these. Rule 1015(b) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, however, makes clear that joint administration may be appropriate when two or more related debtor entities have filed for protection under the Bankruptcy Code. Federal Rule of Bankruptcy Procedure 1015 provides, inter alia:

- (b) Cases Involving Two or More Related Debtors. If a joint petition or two or more petitions are pending in the same court by or against . . . a debtor or an affiliate, the court may order a joint administration of the estates . . .
- (c) Expediting and Protecting Orders. When an order for . . . joint administration of a joint case or two or more cases is entered pursuant to this rule, while protecting the rights of the parties under the Code, the court may enter orders as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs and delay.

Rule 1015 of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure promotes the fair and efficient administration of related cases of affiliated debtors, while ensuring that no rights of individual creditors are unduly prejudiced. As stated in the official Advisory Committee Note:

See 2 Collier on Bankruptcy, at 301-06 (15th ed. Rev. 2003); see also In re Parkway Calabasas, Ltd., 89 B.R. 832, 836 (Bankr. C.D.Cal. 1988) (joint administration is designed to promote procedural convenience and cost efficiencies but does not affect substantive rights of creditors or respective debtor estates).

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Joint administration as distinguished from consolidation may include combining the estates by using a single docket for the matters occurring in the administration, including the listing of filed claims, the combining of notices to creditors of the different estates, and the joint handling of other purely administrative matters that may aid in expediting the cases and rendering the process less costly.²

Joint administration differs significantly from substantive consolidation, in which the debtors' assets and liabilities are aggregated and, generally, the creditors of the separate entities share pro rata in the aggregate net value of the estates.³ Joint administration, by contrast, is merely procedural; each of the debtors' estates remains a separate legal entity, and creditors' individual rights to each estate are preserved.⁴ Thus, joint administration does not in itself prejudice the rights of any creditor.

Here, Museum, Trust and Selden are all affiliates of one another as defined under Bankruptcy Code section 101(2)(B). All three entities are controlled and substantially owned by Debbie Reynolds and her children, Todd Fisher and Carrie Fisher. With the exception of a building owned by Selden, the only significant assets of each of the entities are costumes and Hollywood memorabilia collected by Ms. Reynolds and her children over a lifetime. These personal property assets were

Fed.R.Bankr.P. 1015, Advisory Committee Note (1983).

³ See In re Standard Brands Paint Co., 154 B.R. 563 (Bankr. C.D. Cal. 1993); In re I.R.C.C., Inc., 105 B.R. 237, 241 (Bankr. S.D.N.Y. 1989).

See Parkway Calabasas Ltd., 89 B.R. at 836-37; see also In re H.H. Distribs., L.P., 400 B.R. 44, 54 (Bankr. E.D. Pa. 2009); In re Ben Franklin Retail Stores, Inc., 214 B.R. 852, 857 (Bankr. N.D. Ill. 1997).

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all to be displayed in a single museum being constructed in Tennessee.

All three debtors intend to file a single joint plan of reorganization to address the claim of their only significant creditor, aside from the first mortgage on Selden's building which is current, Greg Orman, who holds a security interest in all personal property assets to secure a single obligation. The issues, the assets, and the principal debtor adversary party are the same in all three cases.

Joint administration will greatly reduce the costs of administering these cases, eliminate the substantial confusion and waste created by maintaining separate dockets, and reduce the burden on the Court system. Absent joint administration, additional copying will need to be done at substantial costs to the estates without any benefit to creditors. Such duplication would divert resources away from addressing substantive issues, including maximizing the value of the estates for all affected parties. Joint administration will relieve the Court of the burden of entering duplicative orders and maintaining duplicative files in each case. Joint administration will also simplify the administrative burden on the Office of the United States Trustee in its supervision of these cases.

B. The Joint Administration Procedures

The Debtors propose that the joint administration of these cases be implemented as follows:

<u>Captions</u>: The captions of these cases will be modified to reflect the joint administration of these cases in the form set forth in Exhibit "1".

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Pleadings: The Clerk of the Court will maintain a single docket for all of the Debtors' pending Chapter 11 cases and for filing, lodging, and docketing the pleadings, orders, and all other papers (including notices of hearings in any of the cases) filed in these cases, all of which will be filed under the case number assigned to Museum, using a form of caption in substantially the form attached hereto as Exhibit "1".

<u>Notices</u>: The Debtors and other parties in interest shall be authorized, but not required, to combine notices to the Debtors' creditors.

Proofs of Claim: Because the Debtors are separate entities and there has been no substantive consolidation of these estates, proofs of claim should be captioned and filed against the particular estate against which a claim is asserted. To that end, separate claims registers for each estate will be maintained.

Schedules of Assets and Liabilities: Museum, Trust and Selden have each filed separate Schedules of Assets and Liabilities and Statements of Financial Affairs.

Notice to Creditors of Entry of Order: After entry of the Order approving this Motion, the Debtors shall transmit to all known creditors of each estate a notice setting forth the pertinent information with respect to the joint administration (which notice may be combined with other notices to creditors).

C. No Creditors will be Prejudiced by Joint Administration.

There will be no material prejudice to creditors if these estates are jointly administered, because administration does not equate to substantive consolidation. Indeed, as discussed

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above, joint administration would benefit all creditors by substantially reducing costs and administrative burdens in general.

D. Were an Actual Conflict to Arise in the Course of the

Debtors' Cases, the Court may Alleviate Any Prejudice to

Creditors Pursuant to Its Discretion Under Rule 1015.

If an actual conflict arises among the estates in the future, through the Court's broad powers to oversee the joint administration of these cases, the Court could easily limit joint administration to the extent necessary to alleviate any prejudice such conflict may cause to creditors. Under Rule 1015(c) of the Federal Rules of Bankruptcy Procedure, "while protecting the rights of parties under the Code, the court may enter orders as may tend to avoid unnecessary costs and delay." Exercising its discretion under this Rule, the Court should be able to promote the interest of the estates through administrative efficiency, while at the same time protecting the rights of individual creditors if and when the need arises. Until a conflict arises, there is no reason why the Court should not authorize joint administration.

III.

CONCLUSION

WHEREFORE, based on this Motion, the record in these cases, including the pleadings and documents filed on behalf of the parties, the arguments and representations of counsel, and any oral or documentary evidence presented at or prior to the

Fed.R.Bankr.P. 1015(c)

Main Document Page 8 of 13 time of the hearing on this Motion, Museum respectfully requests that this Court enter an order: (1) granting this Motion and authorizing the joint administration of these cases; and (2) granting such other and further relief as the Court deems just and appropriate. DATED: February **25**, 2010. MICHAELSON, SUSI & MICHAELSON A Professional Corporation PETER SUSI, Attorneys for Debtor and Debtor-in-Possession

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DECLARATION OF TODD FISHER

I, Todd Fisher, declare:

- I am the trustee for Hollywood Motion Picture Trust ("Trust").
- 2. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein and am competent to testify thereto.
- 3. Trust and Selden have entered into agreements with Gregory Orman ("Orman") whereby Trust and Selden have pledged personal property assets to secure the obligations of Museum to Orman. Orman has brought suit against Museum, Trust, and Selden in the District Court of Johnson County, Kansas, Case No. 08-CV-06262, seeking judgments against all three based upon money loaned to Museum.
- 4. Orman has filed a Proof of Claim in the Museum case seeking payment of the amount of \$5,516,845.99 plus interest of thirty percent (30%) per annum on \$2,020,000 from and after June 12, 2009 until paid. Trust, Selden, and Museum dispute the amount claimed.
- 5. Trust and Selden each filed for protection under Chapter 11 of the Bankruptcy Code to stay the Kansas litigation and intend to file a joint plan of reorganization which will provide for payment of the Orman obligation in full on terms to be approved by the Bankruptcy Court.
- 6. Museum, Trust and Selden are all affiliates of one another as defined under Bankruptcy Code section 101(2)(B). All three entities are controlled and substantially owned by my mother, sister, and me. With the exception of a building owned by Selden, the only significant assets of each of the entities

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are costumes and Hollywood memorabilia collected by my mother, sister, and me over a lifetime. These personal property assets were all to be displayed in a single museum being constructed in Tennessee.

7. All three debtors intend to file a single joint plan of reorganization. The plan will address the claim of our only significant creditor, aside from the first mortgage on Selden's building, Greg Orman. Mr. Orman holds a security interest in all the personal property to secure a single obligation. The issues, the assets, and the principal debtor adversary party are the same in all three cases.

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed this _____ day of February, 2010, at Creston, California.

TODD FISHER

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15	TRUST, and))	
16	SELDEN ENTERPRISES LIMITED PARTNERSHIP, ,		
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In re:

HOLLYWOOD MOTION PICTURE TRUST

CHAPTER 11

Debtor(s).

CASE NUMBER 9:10-bk-10864

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I am over the age of 18 and not a party to this bankruptcy case or adversary proceeding. My business address is: 7 West Figueroa Street, Second Floor, Santa Barbara, California 93101.

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