

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

In re KABBAGE, INC. d/b/a KSERVICING <i>et al.</i>, Debtors.¹	X : : : : : : X	Chapter 11 Case No. 22-10951 (CTG) (Jointly Administered) Re: Docket No. 110
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**ORDER AUTHORIZING DEBTORS TO EMPLOY
PROFESSIONALS USED IN ORDINARY COURSE OF BUSINESS**

Upon the motion, dated October 17, 2022 (the “**Motion**”)² of Kabbage, Inc. d/b/a KServicing and its debtor affiliates, as debtors and debtors in possession in the above-captioned chapter 11 cases (collectively, the “**Debtors**”), pursuant to sections 105(a), 327, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code for entry of an order authorizing the Debtors to employ Ordinary Course Professionals, effective as of the Petition Date, without the submission of separate employment applications or the issuance of separate retention orders for each professional, all as more fully set forth in the Motion; and upon consideration of the First Day Declaration; and this Court having jurisdiction to consider the Motion and the relief requested therein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334, and the *Amended Standing Order of Reference* entered by the United States District Court for the District of Delaware, dated February 29, 2012; and consideration of the Motion and the requested relief being a core proceeding pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 157(b); and venue being proper before this Court pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1408 and 1409; and due and proper notice of the

¹ The Debtors in these chapter 11 cases, along with the last four digits of each Debtor’s federal tax identification number, as applicable are: Kabbage, Inc. d/b/a KServicing (3937); Kabbage Canada Holdings, LLC (N/A); Kabbage Asset Securitization LLC (N/A); Kabbage Asset Funding 2017-A LLC (4803); Kabbage Asset Funding 2019-A LLC (8973); and Kabbage Diameter, LLC (N/A). Kabbage is a trademark of American Express used under license; Kabbage, Inc. d/b/a KServicing is not affiliated with American Express. The Debtors’ mailing and service address is 925B Peachtree Street NE, Suite 383, Atlanta, GA 30309.

² Capitalized terms used but not otherwise defined herein shall have the meanings ascribed to such terms in the Motion.

Motion having been provided; and such notice having been adequate and appropriate under the circumstances, and it appearing that no other or further notice need be provided; and this Court having reviewed the Motion; and upon any hearing held on the Motion; and all objections, if any, to the Motion having been withdrawn, resolved, or overruled; and this Court having determined that the legal and factual bases set forth in the Motion establish just cause for the relief granted herein;; and upon all of the proceedings had before this Court and after due deliberation and sufficient cause appearing therefor,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT

1. The Motion is granted as set forth herein.
2. The Debtors are authorized, but not directed, pursuant to sections 105(a), 327, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, to retain, employ, and compensate the Ordinary Course Professionals listed on **Exhibit 1** and **Exhibit 2** annexed hereto, as such may be supplemented in accordance with **Paragraph f** below, subject to the following OCP Procedures, effective as of the Petition Date:

- a. Pursuant to sections 105(a), 327, and 330 of the Bankruptcy Code, the Debtors shall be authorized to employ the Ordinary Course Professionals listed on **Exhibit 1** hereto (the “**Tier 1 Ordinary Course Professionals**”) and the Ordinary Course Professionals listed on **Exhibit 2** hereto (the “**Tier 2 Ordinary Course Professionals**”) in accordance with these OCP Procedures, effective as of the Petition Date. To the extent that additional Ordinary Course Professionals are added to **Exhibit 1** or **Exhibit 2** pursuant to the procedures set forth in **Paragraph f** below, their employment will be effective on a date in accordance with said procedures.
- b. Within five (5) business days after the date of entry of this Order, the Debtors shall serve this Order on each Ordinary Course Professional. Thereafter, each Ordinary Course Professional shall provide the Debtors’ attorneys within 30 days after the later of (i) the date of entry of this Order or (ii) the date on which the Ordinary Course Professional commences rendering services for the Debtors, with a declaration, substantially in the form annexed as **Exhibit 3** hereto (the “**OCP Declaration**”).

- c. The Debtors' attorneys shall file the OCP Declaration with the Court and serve a copy upon (i) Richard L. Schepacarter, Office of the United States Trustee (Richard.Schepacarter@usdoj.gov), (ii) Rosa Sierra-Fox, Office of the United States Trustee (Rosa.Sierra-Fox@usdoj.gov), and (iii) counsel for the Creditors' Committee, if any (collectively, the "**Reviewing Parties**").
- d. The Reviewing Parties shall have 14 days after service of the OCP Declaration (the "**Objection Deadline**") to serve upon the Debtors, the other Reviewing Parties, and the relevant Ordinary Course Professional a written objection to the retention, employment, or compensation of the Ordinary Course Professional based on the contents of the OCP Declaration (an "**Objection**"). The Objection Deadline shall be conspicuously stated on the OCP Declaration.
- e. If no Objection is served by the Objection Deadline, the retention, employment, and compensation of the Ordinary Course Professional shall be deemed approved pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code without the need for a hearing and without further order of this Court; *provided, however*, that if an Objection is served by the Objection Deadline and such Objection cannot be resolved within 20 calendar days, the Debtors shall schedule the matter for a hearing before this Court on the next regularly-scheduled hearing date or such other date otherwise agreeable to the Ordinary Course Professional, the Debtors, and the objecting party. The Debtors shall not pay any fees and expenses to any Ordinary Course Professional unless (a) such Ordinary Course Professional has executed its OCP Declaration and such OCP Declaration was filed with the Court and served on the Reviewing Parties, (b) the Objection Deadline has expired, and (c) no timely Objection is pending. If a timely Objection is served, no payment shall be made until such Objection is either resolved or withdrawn or overruled by the Court.
- f. The Debtors may seek to retain additional Ordinary Course Professionals throughout these cases by (i) including each additional Ordinary Course Professional on a supplement to **Exhibit 1** or **Exhibit 2** hereto, as applicable, that is filed with this Court and served on the Reviewing Parties and (ii) having such additional Ordinary Course Professional comply with the OCP Procedures. The approved retention of the additional Ordinary Course Professional(s) will be effective as of the expiration of the Objection Deadline or, if a timely Objection is filed, upon resolution of such Objection.
- g. Once an Ordinary Course Professional is retained in accordance with these OCP Procedures, the Debtors may pay such Ordinary Course Professional 100% of the fees and 100% of the expenses incurred, upon the submission to, and approval by, the Debtors of an appropriate invoice setting forth in reasonable detail the nature of the services rendered and the expenses

actually incurred (without prejudice to the Debtors' right to dispute any such invoices); *provided, however*, that a Tier 1 Ordinary Course Professional's total compensation and reimbursement shall not exceed \$35,000 per month on average over any three-month period on a rolling basis (the "**Tier 1 Cap**"), and a Tier 2 Ordinary Course Professional's total compensation and reimbursement shall not exceed \$50,000 per month on average over any three-month period on a rolling basis (the "**Tier 2 Cap**" and together with the Tier 1 Cap, the "**Monthly Fee Cap**").

- h. In the event that an Ordinary Course Professional's fees and expenses exceed the applicable Monthly Fee Cap for any month during these chapter 11 cases, but the Debtors believe the Ordinary Course Professional should not otherwise be required to follow the payment procedure applicable to the formally retained professionals, the Debtors may seek the agreement of the Reviewing Parties to a higher cap for any such Ordinary Course Professional. If the Debtors are able to obtain such agreement of the Reviewing Parties, the agreement would be evidenced by the filing of a notice of increased Monthly Fee Cap (the "**Cap Increase Notice**"), and the increased Monthly Fee Cap shall be deemed approved upon the filing of such Cap Increase Notice, without further action by this Court. Absent such an agreement of the Reviewing Parties, if the applicable Monthly Fee Cap is exceeded, such Ordinary Course Professional must file a fee application (a "**Fee Application**") and apply for allowance of the full amount of its compensation and reimbursement for the applicable time period in compliance with sections 330 and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code and the applicable provisions of the Bankruptcy Rules, the Local Rules, and any other procedures and orders of this Court. The U.S. Trustee reserves the right to request that any Ordinary Course Professional that is regularly exceeding the applicable Monthly Fee Cap be the subject of a retention application pursuant to section 327 of the Bankruptcy Code. Any such Ordinary Course Professional that is an attorney shall make a reasonable effort to comply with the U.S. Trustee's requests for information and disclosures as set forth in the *Guidelines for Reviewing Applications for Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses Filed under 11 U.S.C. § 330 by Attorneys in Larger Chapter 11 Cases* (effective as of November 1, 2013) in connection with such Fee Application and/or retention application, and shall provide corresponding LEDES date or searchable format for the respective invoices.
- i. Each Fee Application shall be served upon the Reviewing Parties. The Reviewing Parties shall then have 15 days to object to the Fee Application, which deadline shall be set forth on the Fee Application. If, after 15 days, no Objection is filed, the fees and expenses requested in the Fee Application shall be deemed approved, and the Ordinary Course Professional may be paid 100% of its fees and expenses without the need for further action from such Ordinary Course Professional.

- j. At three-month intervals during the pendency of these chapter 11 cases (each, a “**Quarter**”), beginning with the Quarter ending December 31, 2022, the Debtors shall file with this Court and serve on the Reviewing Parties, no later than 30 days after the last day of such Quarter, a statement that shall include the following information for each Ordinary Course Professional: (i) the name of the Ordinary Course Professional, (ii) the amounts invoiced and paid as compensation for services rendered and reimbursement of expenses incurred by that Ordinary Course Professional during the reported Quarter broken down by month, (iii) the aggregate amount of postpetition payments made to that Ordinary Course Professional to date, and (iv) a general description of the services rendered by that Ordinary Course Professional (the “**Quarterly Statement**”). In the event that a Quarterly Statement shows that an Ordinary Course Professional and/or the Debtors are not complying with the applicable Monthly Fee Cap (as may be modified by the Cap Increase Notice), any rights of the U.S. Trustee are reserved.
 - k. To the extent any Ordinary Course Professional is required to file a Fee Application pursuant to the OCP Procedures, any such payments shall be subject to section 328(c) of the Bankruptcy Code.
3. Entry of this Order and approval of the OCP Procedures does not affect the Debtors’ ability to (i) dispute any invoice submitted by an Ordinary Course Professional or (ii) retain additional Ordinary Course Professionals from time to time as needed, in accordance with the OCP Procedures, and the Debtors reserve all of their rights with respect thereto.
4. The monetary caps set forth in the OCP Procedures are without prejudice to the Debtors’ ability to request that this Court increase the terms of such caps at a later time.
5. The form of OCP Declaration is approved.
6. Nothing contained in the Motion or this Order nor any payment made pursuant to the authority granted by this Order is intended to be or shall be construed as (i) an admission as to the validity of any claim against the Debtors, (ii) a waiver of the Debtors’ or any appropriate party in interest’s rights to dispute the amount of, basis for, or validity of any claim against the Debtors, (iii) a waiver of any claims or causes of action which may exist against any creditor or interest holder, or (iv) an approval, assumption, adoption, or rejection of any agreement,

contract, lease, program, or policy between the Debtors and any third party under section 365 of the Bankruptcy Code.

7. All time periods referenced in this Order shall be calculated in accordance with Bankruptcy Rule 9006(a).

8. The Debtors are authorized to take all actions necessary or appropriate to effectuate the relief granted in this Order.

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



Dated: November 2nd, 2022
Wilmington, Delaware

CRAIG T. GOLDBLATT
UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY JUDGE