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DATE OF HEARING: 12-7-12

Times: 1:30 Dept.: 9

11 SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA

12 FOR THE COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

13 In the Matter of the
14 Conservatorship of the Person
15 and Estate of:

16 BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS,

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18 Conservatee.
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No. BP 108 870

PETITION FOR APPROVAL OF
COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY'S
FEES

Assigned To:
Judge REVA G. GOETZ
Department: 9
Hearing Date: 12/7/12
Time: 1:30 p.m.

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21 Petitioner, SAMUEL D. INGHAM III, alleges:

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23 1. Appointment Of Attorney

24 By Order dated February 1, 2008 in this case, the Court
25 Petitioner was appointed to serve as counsel for BRITNEY JEAN
26 SPEARS. Petitioner has not been discharged and presently is in
27 that capacity.

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for 12-7-12 in D-9
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1 2. Conservators Appointed

2 By Order dated February 1, 2008, JAMES P. SPEARS was
3 appointed temporary conservator of the conservatee's person for an
4 initial period expiring February 4, 2008. By various orders, his
5 letters of temporary conservatorship have been extended. By minute
6 order dated October 28, 2008, JAMES P. SPEARS was appointed
7 permanent conservator of the conservatee's person and he continues
8 to serve in that capacity. Letters of conservatorship of the person
9 were issued to JAMES P. SPEARS on January 9, 2009 and he continues
10 to serve in that capacity. At the hearing on April 25, 2012, JASON
11 TRAWICK was appointed co-conservator of the person to serve with
12 JAMES P. SPEARS.

13 By Order dated February 1, 2008, JAMES P. SPEARS and
14 ANDREW M. WALLET were appointed temporary co-conservators of
15 BRITNEY's estate for an initial period expiring February 4, 2008.
16 By various orders, their letters of temporary conservatorship have
17 been extended. By minute order dated October 28, 2008, JAMES P.
18 SPEARS and ANDREW M. WALLET were appointed permanent co-conserva-
19 tors of BRITNEY's estate and they continue to serve in that
20 capacity.

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22 3. Attorney's Fees

23 During the period from October 1, 2011 through
24 October 26, 2012, inclusive, Petitioner rendered services to
25 BRITNEY more particularly described in the Declaration of SAMUEL D.
26 INGHAM III attached as Exhibit 1 and incorporated by this refer-
27 ence. The reasonable value of these services is \$474,097.50, all of
28 which has been paid on account pursuant to prior Orders of this

1 Court.

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3 4. Costs Advanced

4 During this period, Petitioner advanced costs in the
5 amount of \$3,385.96 on behalf of BRITNEY, all of which has been
6 paid on account pursuant to prior Orders of this Court.

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8 5. Discharge Not Appropriate

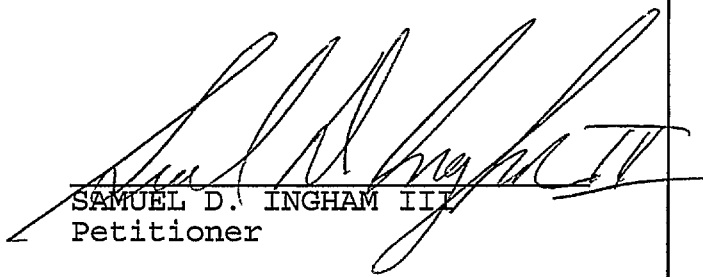
9 Discharge of Petitioner at this time is not
10 appropriate because Petitioner anticipates that further services
11 will be required for BRITNEY.

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13 WHEREFORE Petitioner prays for an order of this Court:

14 1. Confirming and approving all payments on account to
15 SAMUEL D. INGHAM III for legal services rendered to BRITNEY for the
16 period from October 1, 2011 through October 26, 2012, inclusive, in
17 the amount of \$474,097.50 plus \$3,385.96 costs advanced for a total
18 of \$477,483.46; and

19 2. Granting such further relief as the Court may consider
20 proper.

21 Dated: November 16, 2012

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25 SAMUEL D. INGHAM III
26 Petitioner
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3 VERIFICATION
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5 STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

6 COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES)

7 I have read the foregoing PETITION FOR ALLOWANCE OF
8 COURT-APPOINTED ATTORNEY'S FEES and know its contents. The matters
9 stated in the foregoing document are true of my own knowledge,
10 except as to those matters which are stated on information and
11 belief, and as to those matters I believe them to be true.

12 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
13 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that
14 this declaration is executed November 16 2012 at Beverly Hills,
15 California.
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SAMUEL D. INGHAM III

EXHIBIT 1

DECLARATION OF SAMUEL D. INGHAM III
IN SUPPORT OF ATTORNEY'S FEES

SAMUEL D. INGHAM III states:

1. I am an attorney at law, duly admitted to practice in the State of California, and am court-appointed counsel for BRITNEY JEAN SPEARS.

2. I am a Certified Specialist in Probate, Estate Planning and Trust Law (State Bar of California - Board of Legal Specialization) and have practiced extensively in this field for over 36 years. I am the author of the chapters entitled "Court Appointed Counsel" and "Alternatives To Conservatorship" in the book *California Conservatorships* published by California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB). In addition, I serve as consultant to *California Guardianships*, published by California Continuing Education of the Bar (CEB).

I hold the highest rating ("a v") from the Martindale-Hubbell Legal Directory and am included in the Bar Register of Preeminent Lawyers. In addition, I am also listed in Super Lawyers of Southern California.

I served two terms on the Executive Committee of the Trusts and Estates Section of the Los Angeles County Bar Association and was a member of its PVP Liaison Subcommittee. In addition, I have acted as an instructor for the Los Angeles County Superior Court's mandatory Probate Volunteer Attorney Training Program since its inception. Since I was admitted in 1975, I have appeared in more than 500 conservatorship, trust, guardianship and probate proceedings before this Court ranging in size to \$500 million.

1 3. I have personal knowledge of the facts set forth in
2 this declaration and could competently testify to them.

3 4. In connection with this proceeding, during the period
4 from October 1, 2011 through October 26, 2012, inclusive, I
5 rendered the following legal services:

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7 a. Introduction

8 Since the initiation of this conservatorship,
9 I directly participated in all matters in this proceeding along
10 with BRITNEY's trust proceeding, her family law matters, her
11 professional career along with several related civil matters. These
12 services will be described separately and in more detail below.

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14 b. Conservatorship

15 During this period, I reviewed and provided my
16 input with respect to numerous pleadings and supporting declara-
17 tions filed by the co-conservators.

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19 c. Trust Proceeding

20 During this period, I reviewed and provided my
21 input with respect to numerous pleadings and supporting declara-
22 tions filed with respect to the temporary conservatee's inter vivos
23 trust.

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25 d. Appeals

26 During this period, I reviewed the numerous
27 pleadings filed with respect to pending appeals in this matter and
28 provided my input.

1 e. Civil Litigation

2 During this period, I reviewed numerous
3 pleadings filed with respect to various lawsuits in which the
4 conservatee is involved.
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6 f. Court Hearings


7 During this time period, I reviewed the
8 pleadings, obtained the calendar notes and appeared at hearings for
9 the above matters on November 16, 2011; November 28, 2011; December
10 9, 2011; January 19, 2012; February 7, 2012; February 9, 2012;
11 February 21, 2012; March 5, 2012; March 22, 2012; April 11, 2012;
12 April 20, 2012 (continued without appearance); April 25, 2012; June
13 7, 2012; June 20, 2012; July 25, 2012; August 15, 2012; August 21,
14 2012; August 31, 2012; September 21, 2012; September 24, 2012 and
15 October 11, 2012.
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17 5. In view of the size of BRITNEY's estate, the complex-
18 ity of the issues involved, the responsibilities I have assumed,
19 the results achieved to date and my expertise in this highly
20 specialized area of law, I am requesting compensation at the rate
21 of \$475 per hour. In connection with the foregoing legal services
22 during this period, I have expended a total of 998.1 hours, the
23 reasonable value of which at a rate of \$475 per hour is
24 \$474,097.50, all of which has been paid currently pursuant to court
25 order. In addition, I have advanced costs of \$3,385.96 which have
26 been paid pursuant to court order.

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1 I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the
2 State of California that the foregoing is true and correct and that
3 this declaration is executed November 16, 2012 at Beverly Hills,
4 California.

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