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STATE OF MINNESOTA

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DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF CARVER

**CARVER COUNTY COURTS**

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT

Court File No. 10-PR-16-46

In the Matter of:

Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson,  
Deceased.

**ORDER GRANTING SPECIAL  
ADMINISTRATOR'S  
REQUEST TO FILE UNDER SEAL THE  
AFFIDAVIT IN SUPPORT OF MOTION  
TO APPROVE PAYMENT  
OF ATTORNEYS' FEES AND COSTS  
THROUGH JANUARY 31, 2017 AND  
FINAL ACCOUNTINGS  
AND  
ORDER SEALING LOMMEN ABDO'S  
MEMORANDUM OF LAW FOR  
APPROVAL OF PAYMENT OF  
ATTORNEY'S FEES AND COSTS AND  
AFFIDAVIT OF KENNETH J. ABDO**

The above-entitled matters came before the Court on February 24, 2017, without a hearing. On December 28, 2016, Lommen Abdo, P.A. filed its motion for an order to seal its unredacted Memorandum of Law for Approval of Payment of Attorneys' Fees and Costs and unredacted Affidavit of Kenneth J. Abdo based upon the confidential and privileged nature of information contained in those documents. Public redacted versions of those documents have previously been served and filed with the Court.

On February 16, 2017, Bremer Trust, N.A., the former Special Administrator, filed with the Court its "Attorney Fee Affidavit of Laura E. Halferty in Support of Request to Approve Payment of Special Administrator's and Attorneys' Fees and Costs Through January 31, 2017," accompanying Exhibit A, and final accountings. The former Special Administrator filed a redacted Attorney Fee Affidavit, Exhibit A, and final accountings, as well as an unredacted Attorney Fee Affidavit, Exhibit A, and final accountings under seal.

The Court makes the following:

**ORDER**

1. Based upon the confidential nature of the redacted contents in the affidavits, memorandum, fee invoices, and final accountings, they may be filed and kept under seal until

further Order of this Court. The confidential financial information and terms qualify as confidential commercial information under Minn. R. Civ. P. 26.03(g), and there is no historical right of access to the information under the test articulated in *Minneapolis Star & Tribune Co. v. Schumacher*, 392 N.W.2d 197 (Minn. 1986).

Dated: February 24, 2017



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Kevin W. Eide  
Judge of District Court

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