STATE OF MINNESOTA

DISTRICT COURT

COUNTY OF CARVER

FIRST JUDICIAL DISTRICT PROBATE DIVISION

In the Matter of:

Court File No. 10-PR-16-46 Judge Kevin W. Eide

Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson,

DECLARATION OF JOSEPH J. CASSIOPPI

Decedent.

I, Joseph J. Cassioppi, declare and state as follows:

- 1. I am a shareholder at Fredrikson & Byron P.A. ("Fredrikson"), counsel for Comerica Bank & Trust, N.A. ("Comerica"), the Personal Representative of the Estate of Prince Rogers Nelson. I submit this Declaration in response to the Court's December 18, 2017 Findings of Fact, Conclusions of Law & Order Denying Petition to Permanently Remove Comerica Bank and Trust N.A. as Personal Representative, which directed Comerica to submit a statement of the attorneys' fees it incurred "that were directly the result of responding to the Petition" to remove Comerica.
- 2. Fredrikson prepares separate invoices, by subject, related to the services it performs for the Estate (*i.e.*, one invoice for litigation related to Roc Nation, one invoice for each trademark application, one invoice for general estate administration, etc.). Since Sharon, John, and Norrine Nelson filed their Petition on October 27, 2017, the time billed responding to the Petition from October 27-31 was not billed as a separate matter, and instead part of that time was billed on the general estate administration matter and part of the time was billed on the general estate litigation matter. Attached hereto as Exhibit A are excerpts from those two invoices, consisting of time that was billed solely in responding to the Petition (primarily related to the

expedited motion to authorize Comerica to continue administering the Estate pending the outcome of the Petition). To the extent that a specific time entry included billing related both to responding to the Petition and other matters, we have modified the time entry to include only the time incurred responding to the Petition. Comerica incurred \$22,492.50 responding to the Petition during October 2017.

- 3. By November, Fredrikson had established a separate matter for responding to the Petition. Attached hereto as Exhibit B is a copy of the invoice for November consisting of time devoted solely to responding to the Petition. Comerica incurred \$126,047.50 responding to the Petition during November 2017. The total amount incurred by Comerica responding to the Petition was \$148,540.00.
- 4. I oversaw and actively participated in Comerica's response to the Petition, have personally reviewed every time entry on the attached invoices, and affirm that the work set forth on the invoices was performed for the benefit of the Estate, was necessary for the continuing administration of the Estate, and the maintenance and protection of Estate assets. I also affirm that the fees and costs charged to Comerica are reasonable based on the time and complexity involved and the results obtained.
- 5. As set forth in greater detailed in the Declarations of Mark Greiner dated October 16, 2017 and June 23, 2017, the rates charged by Fredrikson in this matter are our standard hourly rates, and those rates are equivalent to, and in certain cases less than, the rates previously approved by the Court for counsel for Bremer Trust, N.A. (as well as counsel for the Heirs).

I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE AND CORRECT.

Dated: January 12, 2018

/s/ Joseph J. Cassioppi
Joseph J. Cassioppi

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EXHIBIT A

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10/27/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Review removal petition; review and comment on letter to Judge Eide requesting emergency relief on petition.	1.50	712.50
10/27/17	M. Greiner	Conference calls with Comerica regarding petition for removal, press response, motion for emergency hearing; telephone conferences with J. Cassioppi regarding same.	2.60	1,690.00
10/30/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Conferences regarding removal petition and upcoming hearing.	1.20	570.00
10/30/17	M. Greiner	Meetings with A. Aycock, A. Bruce and J.	4.20	2,730.00
		Cassioppi regarding administration of estate and preparation for emergency hearing; telephone conference with attorney regarding motion for removal; preparation of response.	3.50	2,7275.00
10/31/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Conference regarding hearing; court hearing on authorization to continue acting.	2.10	997.50
10/31/17	M. Greiner	Preparation for and participation in	3.90	2,535.00
		emergency court hearing; conference with clients regarding hearing, administration of estate, and management of process on pending entertainment transactions; telephone conference with heirs' counsel; conference with attorney regarding proposed mediator/facilitator; telephone conference with telephone conference with telephone conference with telephone conference with telephone grandless is conferences with attorneys regarding outstanding licensing and litigation matters.	2,50	1,625,00



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E. Unger	Review Petition to Remove filed by SNJ;
•	emails and phone calls with W. Skolnick
	and S. Johnson regarding redactions in
	Petition; draft proposed order authorizing
	Comerica to continue administering estate;
	proofread letter regarding same; file same
	letter and proposed order with court.

Review petition for removal and email 3.00 1,290.00 10/27/17 J. Cassioppi correspondence and telephone conferences regarding the same; draft letter motion and protective order; analyze

response to Petition; email correspondence with counsel for SNJ

regarding improper redactions and service of unredacted filings on all service contacts in case and telephone

conference with court administrator in an attempt to remedy the same.

Review Petition to Remove Comerica as 2.20 10/29/17 E. Unger PR and attached exhibits; prepare and review comments regarding response to

same.

1.10 473.00 Review petition and analyze response to 10/29/17 J. Cassioppi the same; email correspondence with

> Comerica regarding response to Petition. 2.80 Assist J. Cassioppi in preparing for E. Unger

telephonic hearing with court regarding authority to continue administering estate; begin collecting and reviewing documents regarding decision to store vault assets

with Iron Mountain.

8.00 3,440.00 Meet with Comerica to discuss and 10/30/17 J. Cassioppi

prepare objection to petition; draft



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		objection to petition; draft objection to petition; prepare for October 31 Court hearing; attention to status of immediate matters.		
10/30/17	M. Williams	Research probate code and caselaw in response to petition.	6.50	1,722.50
10/31/17	E. Unger	Phone calls with B. Wolfe and representatives of Iron Mountain to gather information for response to Petition to Remove; meet with A. Aycock and A.	3.90	1,443.00
		Bruce regarding same; review documents regarding same; update from J. Cassioppi regarding telephonic hearing; review Court order granting motion to continue administration.	\ 	
10/31/17	J. Cassioppi	Prepare for and argue motion to allow	6 .90	2,967.00
		Comerica to administer estate pending outcome of Petition; telephone conference regarding obtaining information to respond to petition; telephone conference with Comerica regarding preparing objection; edit————————————————————————————————————	6.0	Z,\$80.00
10/31/17	M. Williams	Research probate code and caselaw in response to the petition.	1.10	291.50
10/31/17	S. Olson	Review documents related to petition to remove Comerica, response to same, and information needed; communications regarding status of hearing and response	1.50	607.50
		to petition.		22,492.50

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For Previously Unbilled Professional Services Rendered Through November 30, 2017:

Client Account#:

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Regarding:

Opposition to Removal Petition

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11/01/17	S. Olson	Communications regarding response to petition for removal and other open items.	0.20	81.00
11/02/17	E. Unger	Prepare affidavits; review research for objection to petition; meet with J. Cassioppi and team regarding objection to petition; order and review hearing transcripts for use in objection.	3.60	1,332.00
11/02/17	J. Cassioppi	Strategize regarding and draft objection to petition; obtain information and exhibits necessary for objection; telephone conference with W. Skolnick regarding meeting; meeting regarding objection.	5.30	2,279.00
11/02/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Strategize regarding Objection to Petition and meeting regarding same.	1.20	570.00
11/02/17	M. Greiner	Preparation for and conference with attorney and heirs' counsel regarding motion for removal and objections; conference with J. Cassioppi; conference call with client regarding motions and administration of estate.	2.60	1,690.00
11/02/17	M. Williams	Probate code research in support of Objection to Petition.	0.90	238.50
11/02/17	S. Olson	Review UPC comments and casenotes, and participate in meeting regarding objection to Petition for Removal and other open items; begin reviewing documents and outlining IP protection section of response; begin preparing Mark Monitor affidavit, and communications regarding same.	4.20·	1,701.00

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December 28, 2017 c/o Angela W. Aycock Page: 15 Vice President Matter No: 077376.0004 Comerica Wealth Management 411 W. Lafayette, 2nd Floor Detroit, MI 48226 444.00 Draft affidavits in support of objection for 1.20 11/03/17 E. Unger Iron Mountain representatives. 516.00 1.20 Prepare objection to Petition for removal. 11/03/17 J. Cassioppi 650.00 1.00 M. Greiner Attention to objection to removal petition; 11/03/17 telephone conference with A. Aycock and A. Bruce. 503.50 1.90 Research probate code in support of M. Williams 11/03/17 Objection to Petition. 4.40 1,782.00 Communications regarding IP-related 11/03/17 S. Olson information for response to petition for removal, and continue drafting section of response; prepare for and participate in call with Mark Monitor, and update draft affidavit; address open issues related to same. 555.00 Continue drafting affidavits in support of 1.50 11/05/17 E. Unger objection for IMES. 5.30 1,961.00 Continue drafting affidavits for objection; 11/06/17 E. Unger review inventory database, security report, storage and preservation report, internal Comerica memoranda and notes regarding inventory process and progress, and other documents regarding storage and preservation of materials in PP Vault

and meet with B Skolnick and S. Johnson and email correspondence regarding the same; telephone conference and email correspondence with Comerica regarding objection; email correspondence regarding hearing preparations. 118.00 Edit summary of IP litigation efforts for 0.20 L. Friedemann 11/06/17 response to petition for removal. 260.00 0.40 Conferences with attorneys regarding 11/06/17 M. Greiner objection to removal petition.

Research and draft objection; prepare for

for objection to petition.

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J. Cassioppi

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11/08/17	J. Cassioppi	call with IMES counsel regarding declarations for E. Bricker and G. Parkin. Draft and amend objection and supporting affidavits; telephone conferences and email correspondence regarding edits to objection and obtaining declarations; assemble and redact exhibits.	7.70	3,311.00
11/08/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Review issues regarding fiduciary liability for distributions in connection with removal petition.	0.20	95.00
11/08/17	M. Williams	Research probate code in support of objection to Petition.	3.10	821.50
11/08/17	S. Olson	Revise legal standard section of opposition to petition for removal; update and add citations to IP protections section; numerous communications with MarkMonitor regarding affidavit and reports in connection with opposition; review and follow up on charts related to	3.40	1,377.00
11/09/17	E. Unger	IP protections. Begin drafting Comerica affidavit and identifying and compiling exhibits to same; begin redacting exhibits; edit objection to petition to remove personal representative.	9.70	3,589.00
11/09/17	J. Cassioppi	Draft objection and supporting affidavits; telephone conferences and email correspondence regarding objection and supporting documents; assemble and redact exhibits.	12.80	5,504.00
11/09/17	K. Sandler	Review response to removal petition;	2.40	1,140.00
11/09/17	Steinert M. Greiner	conferences regarding same. Review objection to petition; conferences with attorneys regarding exhibits and petition.	1.90	1,235.00
11/09/17	M. Williams	Assist with drafting Objection.	0.30	79.50
11/09/17	S. Olson	Numerous communications with	7.90	3,199.50

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:		MarkMonitor and attorneys regarding MarkMonitor, Wessberg, and Friedemann affidavit and declarations, and revisions needed to same; revise affidavit and declarations, and exhibits to same; analyze need for redactions and make and circulate same; continue work on objection to Petition for Removal, including assisting with additional declarations and exhibits.	·	
11/10/17	A. Gyurisin	Print out the confirmation of mailing receipts for the Forms 8971 in connection with removal petition response.	0.70	147.00
11/1:0/17	E. Unger	Finalize objection to petition to remove personal representative and add record citations to same; redact same objection; finalize Bruce Declaration and Exhibits A-QQ; redact same declaration and exhibits; redact Wolfe Declaration; confirm redactions to remaining declarations and exhibits from Mark Monitor, A. Wessberg, and T. Carter; finalize motion to file under seal and supporting documents; file and serve all documents.	12.90	4,773.00
11/10/17	J. Cassioppi	Draft, finalize, and file objection and supporting filings; draft motion to file under seal.	10.50	4,515.00
11/10/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Review and revise response to removal petition; telephone conference with A. Bruce and A. Aycock; conference regarding response to removal petition.	2.40	1,140.00
11/10/17	M. Greiner	Conference call with Comerica team regarding response to motion to remove; conference with attorney regarding same; review response and exhibits.	3.10	2,015.00
11/10/17 11/10/17	M. Williams S. Olson	Finalize objection and prepare for filing. Extensive communications with	6.00 7.20	1,590.00 2,916.00

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		affidavits, declarations, and exhibits; make further updates and redactions to same; prepare draft Bruce declaration, and discuss exhibit and related issues; draft language for motion to file under seal; assist team with other drafting and filing preparation matters related to objection to Petition for Removal.		
11/11/17	J. Cassioppi	Email correspondence regarding objection filing and hearing.	0.30	129.00
11/12/17	J. Cassioppi	Email correspondence regarding objection exhibits; review and edit draft agreement.	0.10	43.00
11/13/17	J. Cassioppi	Attention to gathering records; review all filings from Friday; email correspondence with Comerica regarding final versions of filings; begin preparing oral argument outline; meeting regarding preparing witnesses and cross-examinations for hearing; telephone conference regarding potential witnesses for hearing.	3.20	1,376.00
11/13/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Conference regarding hearing on removal petition.	0.90	427.50
11/13/17	M. Greiner	Conference with attorneys regarding November 20 hearing on motion to remove.	0.60	390.00
11/13/17	M. Williams	Review documents in preparation for hearing.	3.40	901.00
11/14/17	E. Unger	Begin preparing for hearing on motion to remove personal representative; meet with S. Olson and M. Williams regarding case transition during leave.	2.70	999.00
11/14/17	J. Cassioppi	Email correspondence and telephone conference regarding records needed for hearing; meeting to discuss cross-examinations; telephone conference and	1.70	731.00

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	·	email correspondence with Comerica regarding hearing preparation; review article with statements from the Nelsons and email correspondence regarding the same; email correspondence and telephone conference regarding Paisley Park conversion costs; prepare for hearing.		
11/14/17	S. Olson	Participate in meeting regarding hearing preparation, and begin preparing cross exam packets.	3.60	1,458.00
11/15/17	E. Unger	Continue preparing for hearing on petition to remove and for case transition during leave.	1.60	592.00
11/15/17	J. Cassioppi	Telephone conference with T. Carter to prepare for hearing on petition to remove; review and assemble exhibits for hearing; email correspondence with Comerica regarding account statements; email correspondence regarding attendance at hearing; review caselaw and prepare legal oral argument outline; annotate record in preparation for hearing; telephone conferences with Comerica to prepare for hearing.	5.10	2,193.00
11/15/17	M. Williams	Review documents in preparation for hearing; pull and print cases cited in opposition.	0.40	106.00
11/15/17	S. Olson	Review documents and continue preparation of cross examination packets and outlines.	5.80	2,349.00
11/16/17	E. Unger	Collect documents to prepare witnesses for cross-examination at hearing on petition to remove.	3.10	1,147.00
11/16/17	J. Cassioppi	Prepare for oral argument on petition to remove; prepare witnesses for potential	4.90	2,107.00

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		cross examination; prepare cross- examinations; meet with Comerica regarding status and hearing.		
11/16/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Review HighQ access logs in connection with removal petition.	0.40	190.00
11/16/17	M. Greiner	Conference calls with A. Aycock and A. Bruce; review PRN emails; conference with attorney regarding hearing; conference with T. Oehmler.	2.20	1,430.00
11/16/17	S. Olson	Complete draft cross exam outlines; meet regarding same and revisions and additional sections needed; locate additional documents and update and revise outlines; instruct assistant regarding copies and organization of documents for hearing; participate in meeting regarding open issues and procedures in case.	8.40	3,402.00
11/17/17	E. Unger	Assist J. Cassioppi in preparing argument for hearing on petition to remove.	5.20	1,924.00
11/17/17	J. Cassioppi	Prepare oral argument outline; telephone conferences regarding preparation for cross-examination; review and assemble exhibits; prepare witness cross-examinations; review reply and supporting declarations and strategize regarding the same.	9.70	4,171.00
11/17/17 11/17/17	M. Williams S. Olson	Pull and print cases for hearing. Continue preparing cross exam outlines and documents for same; prepare other documents and summaries for hearing; analyze open issues and next steps in connection with Petition for Removal; strategize regarding hearing on Petition for Removal; begin review of Nelsons' reply.	0.20 8.90	53.00 3,604.50
11/18/17	J. Cassioppi	Review caselaw and prepare oral argument outline; review reply and	4.50	1,935.00



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		supporting declarations and email correspondence regarding the same.		
11/18/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Review reply to petition to remove.	1.80	855.00
11/18/17	M. Greiner	Conference call with A. Aycock, A. Bruce and J. Cassioppi regarding response to objection and preparation for court hearing.	1.20	780.00
11/18/17	S. Olson	Complete review of Nelsons' reply and supporting documents.	0.80	324.00
11/19/17	E. Unger	Prepare for hearing on petition to remove, including by preparing topics for mock cross-examination of witnesses, meeting with same witnesses, and preparing quick reference chart of counter-arguments and	7.80	2,886.00
11/19/17	J. Cassioppi	supporting record citations. Prepare for hearing on removal petition; meet with Comerica and prepare for potential cross-examination; prepare potential cross-examinations of other witnesses; prepare exhibits for hearing.	11.30	4,859.00
11/19/17	K. Sandler Steinert	Conference with Comerica to prepare for removal hearing.	6.50	3,087.50
11/19/17	M. Greiner	Conference with A. Aycock, A. Bruce, S. Nystrom and J. Cassioppi regarding	6.00	3,900.00
11/19/17	S. Olson	hearing and hearing preparation. Update cross exam outlines and document packets to address Nelsons' reply; assist with other preparation for hearing on Petition for Removal.	2.90	1,174.50
11/20/17	J. Cassioppi	Prepare for and attend removal hearing; meet with Comerica following the hearing to discuss status and next steps; telephone conference with Comerica regarding hearing.	7.70	3,311.00
11/20/17	K. Sandler	Conference regarding removal hearing.	0.20	95.00

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S. Olson

11/20/17 M. Greiner

Preparation for and attendance at court

5.00 3,250.00

hearing on motion to remove; conference with Comerica team following hearing

regarding administration of estate.

Meet with client before and participate in

4.10 1,660.50

hearing on Nelsons' Petition to Remove Comerica; follow-up work related to same.

Total for Fees.

126,047.50

Total This Matter

126,047.50