

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK**

**In re:**

**PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.*,**

**Debtors.**

**Chapter 11**

**Case No. 12-12900 (SCC)**

**(Jointly Administered)**

**DECLARATION AND DISCLOSURE STATEMENT OF TARA J. HOFFNER,  
ON BEHALF OF RICHARDS, LAYTON & FINGER, P.A.**

Tara J. Hoffner, declares and says:

1. I am a Director of Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A., located at One Rodney Square, 920 N. King Street, Wilmington, Delaware 19801 (the “**Firm**”).
2. Patriot Coal Corporation and its subsidiaries that are debtors and debtors in possession in the above referenced proceedings (collectively, the “**Debtors**”) have requested that the Firm provide legal services to the Debtors, and the Firm has consented to provide those services.
3. The Firm may have performed services in the past and may perform services in the future, in matters unrelated to these chapter 11 cases, for persons that are claimants or other parties in interest in the Debtors’ chapter 11 cases. The Firm does not perform services for any such person in connection with these chapter 11 cases.
4. Neither I nor any partner or associate of the Firm, insofar as I have been able to ascertain, holds or represents any interest adverse to the Debtors or their estates with respect to the matters on which the Firm is to be employed.

5. Neither I nor any partner or associate of the Firm has agreed to share or will share any portion of the compensation to be received from the Debtors with any person other than partners and associates of the Firm.

6. At any time during the period of its employment, if the Firm should discover any facts bearing on the matter described herein, the Firm will supplement the information contained in this Declaration.

7. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1746, I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States of America that the foregoing is true and correct, and that this Declaration was executed on December 13, 2013.

  
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Tara J. Hoffner

RETENTION QUESTIONNAIRE

TO BE COMPLETED BY PROFESSIONALS EMPLOYED BY PATRIOT COAL CORPORATION, *et al.* (the “Debtors”)

DO NOT FILE THIS QUESTIONNAIRE WITH THE COURT.  
RETURN IT FOR FILING BY THE DEBTORS TO:

Davis Polk & Wardwell LLP  
450 Lexington Avenue  
New York, New York 10017  
Attn: Marshall S. Huebner and Brian M. Resnick

All questions **must** be answered. Please use “none,” “not applicable,” or “N/A,” as appropriate. If more space is needed, please complete on a separate page and attach.

1. Name and address of firm:  
  
Richards, Layton & Finger, P.A.  
One Rodney Square  
920 N. King Street  
Wilmington, Delaware 19801  
  
Date of retention: December 4, 2013
2. Brief description of services to be provided:  
  
Advice regarding Delaware trust law.
3. Arrangements for compensation (hourly, contingent, etc.)  
  
Hourly rate.  
  - (a) Range of hourly rates (if applicable): \$575-\$675
  - (b) Estimated average monthly compensation based on prepetition retention (if firm was employed prepetition): N/A
4. Prepetition claims against any of the Debtors held by the firm: None
5. Prepetition claims against any of the Debtors held individually by any of the firm’s attorneys: None
6. Stock of any of the Debtors currently held by the firm: None

7. Stock of any of the Debtors currently held individually by any of the firm's attorneys: None
  
8. Disclose the nature and provide a brief description of any interest adverse to the Debtors or to their estates for the matters on which the firm is to be employed.  
None
  
9. Name of individual completing this form.  
Tara J. Hoffner