

**UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION**

In re)	
)	Bankruptcy No. 02 B 49672
CONSECO, INC., <u>et al.</u> ,)	Chapter 11
)	
Debtors.)	(Jointly Administered)
)	Honorable Carol A. Doyle

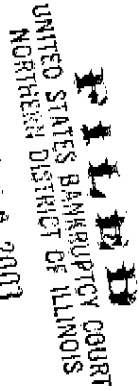
**SUMMARY COVER SHEET AND NOTICE OF HEARING ON FINAL FEE
APPLICATION OF BAKER BOTTS L.L.P., SPECIAL COUNSEL TO THE DEBTORS,
AND FOR COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE
PERIOD OF 08/01/2003 THROUGH 09/09/2003**

Name of the Applicant:	Baker Botts L.L.P., Special SEC Litigation Counsel
Authorized to Provide Professional Services to:	Conseco, Inc. and Conseco Finance Corporation
Date of Order Authorizing Employment:	January 14, 2003
Period for Which Compensation is Sought:	December 18, 2002 through September 9, 2003
Amount of Fees Sought:	- Allowance of \$643,935.50, comprising 100% of all fees incurred during the pendency of the Debtors' cases; and - Payment of \$150,654.05, comprising 10% held back for the First through Eighth Fee Applications (\$54,809.05), and 100% of fees (\$95,845.00) incurred for the period of 08/01/03-09/09/03.
Amount of Expense Reimbursement Sought:	Allowance of \$105,597.47, representing expenses incurred throughout the pendency of the Debtors' cases, and payment of \$10,275.42 for expenses relating to the period of 08/01/03-09/09/03.
Objection Deadline:	Objections to this final fee application are due October __, 2003.

This is the Applicant's Final Fee Application.

Baker Botts L.L.P. ("Baker Botts") previously has requested professional compensation as follows:





Date Filed	Period	90% of Fees	Total Expenses	Total Requested	Amount Authorized ¹
01/28/03	12/18/02-12/31/02	\$36,780.75	\$3,698.15	\$40,478.90	Total Amount Authorized
02/25/03	01/01/03-01/31/03	\$138,209.40	\$14,105.71	\$152,315.11	Total Amount Authorized
03/25/03	02/01/03-02/28/03	\$69,467.85	\$7,374.97	\$76,842.82	Total Amount Authorized
04/25/03	03/01/03-03/31/03	\$17,616.15	\$27,575.63	\$45,191.78	Total Amount Authorized
05/25/03	04/01/03-04/30/03	\$24,318.45	\$1,985.60	\$26,304.05	Total Amount Authorized
06/25/03	05/01/03-05/31/03	\$74,053.80	\$9,804.40	\$83,858.20	Total Amount Authorized
07/22/03	06/01/03-06/30/03	\$102,979.35	\$19,893.70	\$122,873.05	Total Amount Authorized
08/23/03	07/01/03-07/31/03	\$29,855.70	\$10,883.89	\$40,739.59	Total Amount Authorized

The Baker Botts' attorneys who rendered professional services in the cases from December 18, 2002 through September 9, 2003 are:

Name of Professional Person	Position and Years of Experience as of January 1, 2003		Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Doty, James	Senior Partner	35	Corporate	\$665.00	2.80	\$1,862.00
Rocap III, James E.	Senior Partner	27	Litigation/Trial	\$500.00	387.80	\$193,900.00
Rutkowski, Joanne C.	Partner	19	Corporate	\$450.00* \$500.00	138.90	\$74,850.00
Guttman, Julia E.	Partner	18	Litigation/Trial	\$400.00	0.30	\$120.00
Bennett, J. Brad	Partner	15	Litigation/Trial	\$400.00	0.30	\$120.00
Li, Michael C.	Special Counsel	11	Corporate/ Bankruptcy	\$330.00	2.00	\$660.00
Haddock, David	Associate	9	Corporate	\$330.00	70.70	\$23,331.00
Paxson, Stacy L.	Associate	4	Litigation/Trial	\$300.00	830.80	\$249,240.00
Moore, Bridget M.	Associate	3	Litigation/Trial	\$245.00	9.70	\$2,376.50

¹ Note that the First and Second Quarterly Fee Applications, respectively filed with this Court on May 13, 2003 and August 14, 2003, are still pending before this Court.

Name of Professional Person	Position and Years of Experience as of January 1, 2003		Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Castillo, Mark A.	Associate	3	Corporate/Bankruptcy	\$245.00	6.40	\$1,568.00
Mulloy-Levine, Romina	Associate	1	Corporate/Bankruptcy	\$220.00	61.50	\$13,530.00
Bell, David A.	Associate	1	General Assignment	\$150.00*	240.60	\$51,504.00
				\$190.00		
TOTAL					1,751.80	\$613,061.50

*Billing rate prior to January 1, 2003

The paraprofessionals of Baker Botts who rendered professional services throughout the pendency of these cases are:

Name of Professional Person	Position and Years of Experience		Department	Hourly Billing Rate	Total Billed Hours	Total Compensation
Parsons, Molly A.	Legal Assistant	7	Litigation/Trial	\$115.00	0.50	\$57.50
Sakai, Darren K.	Legal Assistant	6	Litigation/Trial	\$95.00*	10.50	\$4,485.00
				\$115.00		
Coolbaugh, Peter	Legal Assistant	6	Litigation/Trial	\$110.00	170.30	\$18,733.00
Marinaccio, Leslie	Legal Assistant	3	Litigation/Trial	\$145.00	0.60	\$87.00
Jeter, Jonathan B.	Legal Assistant	3	Corporate	\$95.00	0.90	\$85.50
Yi, Ha C.	Legal Assistant	2	Corporate/Bankruptcy	\$95.00	7.30	\$693.50
Weldon, Deborah	Legal Assistant	3	Bankruptcy	\$110.00	1.10	\$121.00
Kephart, Kirk	Legal Assistant Clerk	8 months	Corporate/Bankruptcy	\$75.00	2.50	\$187.50
Frcund, Stephanie M.	Legal Assistant Clerk	6 months	Litigation/Trial	\$70.00*	49.20	\$6,108.00
				\$90.00		
Davis, William A.	Legal Assistant Clerk	Summer session		\$80.00	2.20	\$176.00
Cronin, Kristine C.	Legal Assistant Clerk	Summer scssion		\$80.00	1.50	\$120.00
James, Janet	Librarian	13		\$100.00	0.20	\$20.00
TOTAL					246.80	\$30,874.00

*Billing rate prior to January 1, 2003

Grand Total for Fees: \$643,935.50
Blended Rate: \$322.20

Expense Summary

Service Description	Service Provider, if applicable²	Amount
Telephone		\$559.03
Fax Charge		\$608.65
Standard Copies	Sequential, Inc. / Partners Legal Copy	\$20,191.05
Binding/Print	Lex Business Solutions	\$7,790.99
Tabs/Indexes/Dividers	Data Impact	\$3,906.96
Bates Labels/Print	Uniscribe Professional	\$5,668.90
Data Conversion	Uniscribe Professional	\$6,651.88
Postage		\$140.96
Delivery Services		\$8,689.15
Travel Expense		\$34,824.45
Business Meals		\$3,371.84
Court Reporter Fee/Deposition		\$4,464.24
Outside Paralegal Assistance	Legalsource	\$3,856.00
Computer Database Research	LexisNexis Courtlink / CourtExpress.com / CCH, Inc.	\$4,873.37
Total		\$105,597.47

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Dated: October 8, 2003

By:


Michael C. Li

² Baker Botts may use one or more service providers. The service providers identified above are the primary service provider for the categories described.