

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE NORTHERNDISTRICT OF ILLINOIS
EASTERN DIVISION

In re:) Chapter 11
)
CONSECO, INC., ET AL.,) Case No. 02-49672
) (Jointly Administered)
Debtors.) The Honorable Carol A. Doyle
) Docket under 02 B 49672
)

**ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
OF HOULIHAN LOKEY HOWARD & ZUKIN FOR ALLOWANCE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AND ALLOWANCE OF
ADMINISTRATIVE CLAIM FOR COMPENSATION AS A SUCCESS FEE AND
REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES FOR THE PERIOD FROM
JANUARY 3, 2003 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9, 2003**

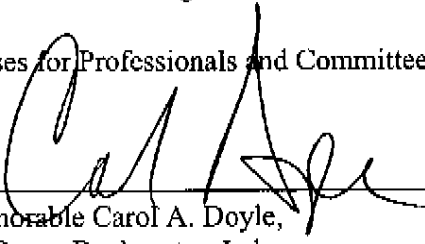
Houlihan Lokey Howard & Zukin ("Houlihan Lokey"), as financial advisor to the Official Committee of Unsecured Creditors of Consecoco, Inc. in the above-captioned Chapter 11 cases, filed a final application for allowance of compensation and reimbursement of expenses for January 3, 2003 through September 9, 2003 (the "Final Application"). The Court has reviewed the Final Application and the recommendations of the Fee Review Committee and finds that: (a) the Court has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157 and 1334; (b) notice of the Final Application, and any hearing on the Final Application, was adequate under the circumstances; and (c) all persons with standing have been afforded the opportunity to be heard on the Final Application. Accordingly, it is hereby

ORDERED that Houlihan Lokey is granted final compensation for services in the amount of \$1,413,576.40, which reflects (a) \$1,373,467.76 professional fee compensation, (b) \$40,108.64 for reimbursement of expenses incurred which includes a voluntary reduction for (i) lodging billed over the allowed amount by \$926.78, (ii) meals over the allowed amount by \$13.40, (iii) local travel not allowed of \$197.50. Payment of transaction fee was paid in-kind per the engagement letter.

ORDERED that the Final Application is GRANTED, on a final basis. The Plan Administrator is authorized and directed to pay to Houlihan Lokey the sum of \$661,897.12 immediately as payment for of the amount of \$657,096.78 in respect of fees and \$4,800.34 in respect to reimbursable expenses held back pursuant to that certain Administrative Order Under Sections 105(a) and 331 of the Bankruptcy Code Establishing Procedures for Interim Compensation and Reimbursement of Expenses for Professionals and Committee Members,

Dated:

4/22/04



The Honorable Carol A. Doyle,
United States Bankruptcy Judge