

**IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

Docket #: 1031

In re:	)	
	)	Chapter 11
<b>Focal Communications Corp., et al.,</b>	)	
	)	<b>Case Nos. 02-13709 (KJC)</b>
	)	
Debtors.	)	<b>(Jointly Administered)</b>

**FINAL APPLICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG LLP FOR INTERIM  
2002 AUDIT AND TAX COMPENSATION AND REIMBURSEMENT OF  
EXPENSES**

Name of applicant: Ernst & Young LLP

Authorized to Provide Professional Services to: Focal Communications Corp., et al.

Date of Retention: 12/19/02 (Order Entered : 02/26/03)

Period for which compensation and reimbursement is sought: December 19, 2003 through June 27, 2003

Amount of Compensation requested: \$904,371.00<sup>1</sup>

Amount of Expense Reimbursement requested: \$3,100.00

This is a(n):        monthly        interim   X   final application

<sup>1</sup> Ernst & Young LLP continues to hold approximately \$325,000 of such retainer toward postpetition services

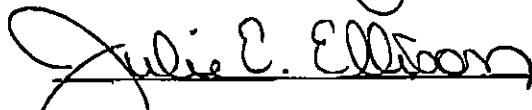
<u>Dated Filed</u>	<u>Period Covered</u>	<u>Requested Fees</u>	<u>Requested Expenses</u>	<u>Approved Fees</u>	<u>Approved Expenses</u>
3.26.2003	12/19/02 thru 12/31/02	\$14,353	\$208	\$11,482.40	\$208
3.26.2003	1/1/03 thru 1/31/03	\$179,788	\$1,093	\$143,830.40	\$1,093
4.11.2003	2/1/03 thru 2/28/03	\$201,503	\$768	\$161,202.40	\$768
5.28.2003	3/1/03 thru 3/28/03	\$252,617	\$756	\$202,093.60	\$756
6.17.2003	3/29/03 thru 5/2/03	\$123,407	\$33	Pending	Pending
7.31.2003	5/3/03 thru 5/30/03	\$63,245	\$93	Pending	Pending
7.31.2003	5/31/03 thru 6/27/2003	\$105,458	\$149	Pending	Pending

Dated: July 31, 2003

I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is true and Correct  
Ernst & Young LLP  
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BY:   
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Subscribed and sworn before me  
This 31<sup>st</sup> day of July 2003.

  
Notary Public

