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IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEVADA

In re:) In Proceedings Under Chapter 11
STRATOSPHERE CORPORATION,) Case No. BK-S-97-20554 GWZ
a Delaware corporation,)
)
Debtor.) (Jointly Administered)
) (This pleading relates to all cases)
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In re:)
)
STRATOSPHERE GAMING CORP.,)
a Nevada corporation,)
) Case No. BK-S-97-20555 GWZ
)
Debtors.) DATE: December 10, 1998
) TIME: 10:00 a.m.
)

**ORDER APPROVING FINAL FEE APPLICATION OF
VERNER, LIIPFERT, BERNHAND, McPHERSON AND HAND, CHARTERED,
SEEKING COMPENSATION FOR LEGAL SERVICES RENDERED
AND REIMBURSEMENT OF EXPENSES**

This matter came before the Court on December 10, 1998, for a hearing on the "Final Fee Application of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, Chartered, Seeking Compensation for Legal Services Rendered and Reimbursement of Expenses" (hereinafter referred to as the "Application") filed by the law firm of Verner, Liipfert, Bernhard, McPherson and Hand, Chartered (hereinafter referred to as "Verner Liipfert"). Verner Liipfert is special

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1 labor and employment for each of the Debtors and Debtors-in-Possession in the above-
2 captioned, jointly administered Chapter 11 cases (collectively referred to as the "Debtors"). In
3 the Application, Verner Liipfert requests that the Court allow, and authorize the Debtors to pay,
4 interim professional compensation in the amount of 31,323.25, and reimbursement of actual
5 and necessary expenses in the amount of \$2,670.56 for the period from July 1, 1998 through
6 October 14, 1998 (hereinafter referred to as the "Application Period"). In addition, Verner
7 Liipfert requests that the Court determine that the total amount of professional fees and
8 expenses charged and incurred by Verner Liipfert are reasonable.
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10 With respect to the Application, the Court finds and concludes as follows:

- 11 1. The Application presents a "core" proceeding over which the Court may enter
12 dispositive orders pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b) and 1334.
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- 14 2. After due and proper notice of the Application and the hearing thereof, no timely
15 objections were filed to the Application.
- 16 3. For the services performed by Verner Liipfert during the Application Period, the
17 Court concludes that the professional fees incurred by the Debtors as set forth in the
18 Application are fair and reasonable under the circumstances of these cases. The Court also
19 concludes that the expenses incurred and paid by Verner Liipfert during the Application Period
20 as set forth in the Application are reasonable and were necessary under the circumstances of
21 these cases.
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23 Based on the foregoing, and the entire record before the Court, and good cause
24 appearing,
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26 **IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** as follows:

27 A. Pursuant to Bankruptcy Codes §§ 330 and 331, the Application shall be, and
28 hereby is, approved in its entirety. Verner Liipfert's request for compensation and

U total fees 63,053.25²
AFP 4,297.57

1 reimbursement of expenses during the Application Period in the total amount of \$33,993.81 as
2 set forth in the Application shall be, and hereby is, allowed.

3 B. The Debtors shall be, and hereby are, authorized and directed to immediately
4 pay to Verner Liipfert the amount of \$33,993.81 pursuant to this Order from the funds now held
5 by the Debtors.

6 C. The amount of professional fees charged by Verner Liipfert to the Debtors
7 during the Application Period in the amount of \$31,323.25, shall be, and hereby is, approved as
8 reasonable final compensation within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code § 330(a).

9 D. The amount of reimbursable expenses incurred by Verner Liipfert during the
10 Application Period in the amount of \$2,670.56, shall be, and hereby is, approved as actual and
11 necessary within the meaning of Bankruptcy Code § 330(a).

12 Dated this DEC 23 1998 day of December, 1998.

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United States Bankruptcy Judge

18 **PREPARED AND SUBMITTED BY:**

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