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5 (application pending)

The Honorable Patricia C. Williams  
Chapter 11

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8 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
9 AT SPOKANE

10 In re

Case No. 04-08822

11 THE CATHOLIC BISHOP OF SPOKANE  
a/k/a The Catholic Diocese of Spokane,  
12  
13 Debtor.

**DECLARATION OF JAMES W.  
MINORCHIO OF RIDDELL  
WILLIAMS P.S. IN SUPPORT OF  
RESPONSE TO OBJECTIONS TO  
APPLICATION TO EMPLOY IT AS  
COUNSEL TO THE TORT  
CLAIMANTS' COMMITTEE**

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16 James W. Minorchio declares:

17 1. I am a principal of the law firm Riddell Williams P.S., counsel to the  
18 Tort Claimants' Committee (application pending). I am a citizen of the United States,  
19 over the age of 18, and competent to testify herein.

20 2. I represent The Corporation of the Catholic Archbishop of Seattle  
21 ("Seattle Archdiocese"), a corporation sole pursuant to Title 24.12 RCW, in  
22 connection with a single, discrete estate matter.

23 3. The estate matter concerns a husband and wife, both of whom are now  
24 dead. In 1988, the wife died and by her will left her interest in a parcel of real estate  
25 in South King County to a trust with a life interest for her husband and the remainder  
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1 interest to the Seattle Archdiocese. Officials of the Planned Giving Office of the  
2 Seattle Archdiocese did not know of this gift of real property.

3 4. The husband died in 2001 and by his will left his interest in the property  
4 to the Seattle Archdiocese, which is apparently when the Planned Giving Office  
5 learned of these gifts. This property may have been occupied by a gas station and  
6 the Seattle Archdiocese does not wish to accept the gifts of it. I am representing the  
7 Seattle Archdiocese in declining the gifts, disclaiming the property to the heirs of the  
8 deceased couple, and in preparing a quit claim deed to clear title in exchange for an  
9 environmental indemnity agreement for the time period during which the property  
10 arguably was in the name of the Seattle Archdiocese.

11 5. The total amount of time spent on this matter by Riddell Williams'  
12 lawyers is 13.6 hours. In particular, in 2001, I and another estate lawyer spent 3.2  
13 hours on this matter. In 2002, an environmental lawyer spent 1.6 hours and I  
14 spent 1.1 hours. From 2003 to date, I have spent a total of 7.7 hours.

15 6. None of the Riddell Williams attorneys involved in representing the  
16 Tort Claimants' Committee have had any involvement with this estate matter.

17 I DECLARE UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY THAT THE FOREGOING IS TRUE  
18 AND CORRECT.

19 EXECUTED this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of February, 2005.

20 /s/ James W. Minorchio  
James W. Minorchio