George C. Paine, II
US Bankruptcy Judge
Dated: 01/07/08

IN THE UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
NASHVILLE DIVISION

IN RE:	§	**Case No. 07-9024**
	§	**Chapter 11**
SOFA EXPRESS, INC.	§	**Judge Paine**
	§	
	§	**Hearing Date: Jan. 15, 2008**
Debtor.	§	

ORDER AUTHORIZING RETENTION OF COUNSEL FOR DEBTOR IN POSSESSION (ALSTON & BIRD LLP)

The Court has considered the application (the "Application") of Sofa Express, Inc. (the "Debtor"), as debtor and debtor in possession in this proceeding, requesting the authority to employ Alston & Bird LLP ("A&B") to represent the Debtor in this case filed pursuant to Chapter 11 of the United States Bankruptcy Code (the "Bankruptcy Code"), which was noticed pursuant to Local Rule 9013-1 on December 7, 2007.. This Court has jurisdiction over the Application and finds that notice of the Application is adequate, and that no further notice is necessary. The Court finds and concludes as follows:

Upon review of the Application and the representations from counsel at the hearing on the Application, the Court is satisfied that A&B represents no interest adverse to the Debtor in the matters for which A&B is to be employed. The Court is further satisfied that A&B is disinterested within the meaning of Section 101(14) of the Bankruptcy Code, and that the Debtor's employment of A&B is in the best interests of the Debtor's estate. Accordingly it is hereby ORDERED

1. The Application is granted in its entirety.

2. The Debtor is authorized to retain A&B, its partners, associates and paralegals as of the Petition Date under a general retainer as their attorneys in all matters relating to the performance of their duties as the Debtor and debtor in possession as set forth in the Application; and it is further

3. A&B shall be compensated in accordance with the procedures set forth in 11 U.S.C. §§ 330 and 331 and applicable Rules, and any other order of this Court.

THIS ORDER WAS SIGNED AND ENTERED ELECTRONICALLYAS INDICATED AT THE TOP OF THE FIRST PAGE.

APPROVED FOR ENTRY:

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This Order has Been electronically signed. The Judge's signature and Court's seal appear at the top of the first page.
United States Bankruptcy Court.

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I, Joseph Speetjens, declare under the penalty of perjury that I have served the attached document on the above listed entities in the manner shown, and prepared the Certificate of Service and that it is true and correct to the best of my information and belief.

Meeting of Creditor Notices only (Official Form 9): Pursuant to Fed. R. Bank. P. 2002(a)(1), a notice containing the complete Social Security Number (SSN) of the debtor(s) was furnished to all parties listed. This official court copy contains the redacted SSN as required by the bankruptcy rules and the Judiciary's privacy policies.

Date: Jan 09, 2008 **Signature:** Joseph Speetjens