UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT FOR THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS, HOUSTON DIVISION

# In re RunItOneTime LLC, et al.

In re RunItOneTime · No. 25-90191 · Decided January 26, 2026

## SUMMARY

The United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas denied International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 117's motion for reconsideration of the order approving the sale of the PokerCo assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances. The court held that it had jurisdiction under 11 U.S.C. § 363 to approve the sale free and clear of successor-liability claims and concluded that Local 117 had received notice and an opportunity to object, so reconsideration was unwarranted.

## CASE DETAILS

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| COURT | United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division |
| WRITING FOR THE COURT | Alfredo R. Pérez |
| JURISDICTION | United States Bankruptcy Court for the Southern District of Texas, Houston Division |
| DECIDED | January 26, 2026 |
| DOCKET | 25-90191 |
| DISPOSITION | other |
| PROCEDURAL POSTURE | International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 117 moved under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 59(e) for reconsideration of the bankruptcy court's order approving the sale of the PokerCo assets free and clear of liens, claims, interests, and encumbrances. The court denied the motion. |
| STANDARD OF REVIEW | A Rule 59(e) motion for reconsideration is an extraordinary remedy used sparingly and may be granted for an intervening change in controlling law, newly available evidence, a clear error of law, or to prevent manifest injustice. The court also independently considered subject-matter jurisdiction because it cannot be waived by failure to raise the issue earlier. |

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| **PRECEDENTIAL VALUE** | Unclear; the opinion is a bankruptcy court memorandum opinion and the supplied metadata lists precedential status as Unknown. |
| **PARTIES** | International Brotherhood of Teamsters, Local 117 v. RunItOneTime LLC, et al., Maverick Gaming LLC |

## TOPICS

chapter 11 · bankruptcy · collective bargaining · labor law

## PRACTICE AREAS

bankruptcy · labor law · collective bargaining · bankruptcy sales

## QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the bankruptcy court had jurisdiction to approve the PokerCo asset sale free and clear of successor-liability and successor-employer claims.
2. Whether the Sale Order contained a clear error of law because the court determined that Maverick Gaming was not a successor or alter ego without conducting a separate factual analysis.
3. Whether denying Local 117's motion for reconsideration would cause manifest injustice.
4. Whether Local 117 demonstrated a basis for reconsideration under Rule 59(e).

## HOLDINGS

1. A bankruptcy court has jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. §§ 157(b)(2)(A) and (N) and 11 U.S.C. § 363(f) to approve a sale of estate assets free and clear of claims that could otherwise be asserted against the buyer under successor-liability or alter-ego doctrines.
2. The Sale Order extinguishes liability arising from the Debtors' pre-sale-closing conduct but does not foreclose liability based on Maverick Gaming's post-sale conduct, including any new duty to bargain arising after the sale.
3. Local 117 was not entitled to reconsideration because it showed neither a clear error of law nor manifest injustice, and it did not establish another recognized Rule 59(e) ground.

## KEY QUOTATIONS

> *"a motion is not the proper vehicle for rehashing evidence, legal theories, or arguments that could have been offered or raised before the entry of judgment."* (7)

> *"The Court finds that it has jurisdiction to approve a Sale Order free and clear of successor liability as it did here."* (10)

> *"The point is to allow the buyer to purchase the Debtors' assets without the risk that it will be forced into a successorship or alter ego fight in the future."* (11)

> *“Because the Court granted a substantive right provided by the Bankruptcy Code under § 363(f), the Court finds that it had jurisdiction to approve the sale “free and clear of any interest in such property.””* (13)

### FACTUAL BACKGROUND

The Chapter 11 Debtors operated gaming and entertainment businesses, including Washington card rooms known as the PokerCo assets. Approximately 220 employees at those facilities were represented by Local 117 under a collective bargaining agreement extending through February 28, 2027. The Debtors provided notice of the proposed sale, including that the assets could be sold free and clear of claims and successor-liability interests, and Local 117 received the Sale Notice and Auction Notice but did not object before the September 24, 2025 sale hearing. The court approved Maverick Gaming's $28 million bid and entered a Sale Order stating that Maverick was not a successor, alter ego, or successor employer and that the assets were transferred free and clear of pre-closing liabilities.

### PROCEDURAL HISTORY

The Debtors filed voluntary Chapter 11 petitions and sought approval of a sale process for the PokerCo assets. After notice, an auction, and a sale hearing, the court approved Maverick Gaming's purchase of the assets free and clear, including of successor-liability and successor-employer claims. Local 117 did not object before entry of the Sale Order but later moved for reconsideration, arguing lack of jurisdiction, clear legal error, and manifest injustice. After a hearing on November 19, 2025, the court denied reconsideration.

### DISPOSITION

other

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